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genius-an arrest for debt; but in his case an unjust arrest. Every true lawyer and every honest man took Bacon's part. The Queen's Counsel, it appears, having borrowed 300l. from Simpson, a money-lender of Lombard Street, a dispute arose about the bond; and, the matter having been argued during Trinity Term, 1598, the settlement was postponed, with Simpson's consent, until Michaelmas Term. On the 24th of September, two or three weeks before the time of settlement arrived, Bacon, going down to the Tower on Her Majesty's affairs, had been arrested at the suit of Simpson, and lodged by his captors in a sponging-house in Coleman Street, whence he sent to Lombard Street for Simpson, who, perhaps aware that he had no power to arrest a queen's officer actually engaged in Her Majesty's service, even if the days of grace were fully expired, refused to come. Bacon appealed to the Lord Keeper and to the Secretary of State against this illegal State against this illegal arrest. The bond was of State against this hiegal arrest. The bond was discharged before it was due; and Bacon returned to his lodgings in Coney Court. The Fictitious Biographers, going far beyond Coke, not only threaten him with a capias utlagatum, but put him absolutely in the wrong by a simple alteration of the date. He was arrested by Simpson in September; he is arrested by Lord Campbell in October. September must have been in the vacation. Oc tober may have been in Michaelmas Term; in September the arrest must have been illegal, in October it might have been legal; in September Simpson was in the wrong, and Bacon an innocent sufferer by his violence; in October Simpson might have been acting on his bond, and Bacon the victim of his own neglect."

CLEMENCY OF BACON. "Though no one dared to approach Her Majesty with pleas for the great insurgent, Bacon strove, and with success, to save some of the less guilty participators in his crime. The case prepared by Coke for the prosecution confounded the whole band of prisoners in a common guilt; the rankand-file with the general, the deceived with the deceiver, Smith with Blount. But when the evidence came to be sifted by a more kindly intelligence than Coke's, there appeared to be among them some who were almost innocent. Many, like Rutland and Montagu, were deceived. Coke would hang them all; Bacon would make distinctions. For those who had been privy to the treason, who had drawn the sword with a knowledge of what they did, and who, to achieve their end, had caused innocent lives to be lost, it would have been idle and weak to plead. But the offenders in this high class were few; a majority of those who filled the jails and awaited trial had known no more than Sir Thomas Smith. In behalf of these men Bacon exerted all his powers. From nine who were being tried under one indictment he saved no less than six. John Lyttleton, Henry Cuffe, Sir Robert Vernon, Sir William Constable, Sir Edward Baynham, Captain Whitelocke, John Wright, Christopher Wright and George Orell were put in the dock together; the jury were sworn; when Bacon arrived in court with letters from the Privy Council to stay proceedings against all except Lyttleton, Baynham and Orell. The rest were returned to prison, all of them to escape with fines and ransom, save only Cuffe, who, next to Blount, was the most guilty of the conspirators. Among the many who owed their lives to Bacon was the sheriff Sir Thomas Smith. When the Learned Counsel was shown the indictment drawn against Smith by Coke, assuming that the facts could be proved, he told Her Majesty that this case was as bad as the rest. But finding on inquiry how Smith had been deceived by the Earl, no pride in his skill as a lawyer prevented him from going straight to the palace and withdrawing his words. Smith was saved. Among many who were innocent, some who were probably guilty escaped with life. Grant, Catesby, Winter, Tresham, Baynham, were impri-soned or fined. Justice and elemency went hand in hand. Southampton was respited; and in less than three months the last of the inferior rank of prisoners left the Tower." BACON'S APOLOGY.

"Under these changes of men and of ideas, Bacon became unpopular, as Raleigh became

unpopular, in the Privy Council and the royal | closet, among the Riches, the Howards, and the Percys; but not among the readers of his Essays, which were now reprinted; not among the freeholders of Ipswich and St. Albans, who were again proposing him as their member; not among those gentlemen who had in past times represented a majority of the English cities and shires. The court, but only the court, was closed to him. As he could not be idle, he turned with ardour to his earlier love, the Interpretation of Nature; and while Cecil and Howard were engaged in suborn-ing witnesses to swear away Raleigh's life, he was quietly conducting that survey of the state of human nowledge in all its branches which he meant as the starting-point and as a key or opening to his intellectual schemes. Yet while engaged upon his noble task, he was not indifferent to the gossip of pages and bedchambermen. Their tattle annoyed him; for his good name in the world, his access to the King, his advance at the bar, and his ascent into power, were essential to the success of his When stung by these insects, he Reform. laid aside, for a few hours, his Advancement of Learning, to compose and address to Montjoy, the one honourable gentleman whom a guilty passion for Lady Rich leagued with his traducers, 'The Apology of Sir Francis Bacon in certain imputations concerning the late Earl of Essex.' vast range of letters there is no piece of personal history more remarkable. Some persons affect to see baseness in the title: forgetting that in the language of Bacon's day an apology might be a defence of what was right, as well as an excuse for what was wrong; as in Jewell's 'Apology for the Church of England, in Sir Philip Sydney's 'Apology for his uncle Robert Earl of Leicester,' and in King James's 'Apology for the Oath of Allegiance.'
They do not seem to know that Essex had himself written an 'Apology' which he addressed to Anthony Bacon: though the publication of that Apology' was one of the offences charged against him on his trial. As a sequel to that paper, Francis Bacon wrote his 'Apology' addressed to Lord Montjoy. In this memorable composition there is a very minute and interesting statement of facts; from the first line to the last there is not one word of excuse."

RISE OF BUCKINGHAM.

"Villiers, the younger son of a poor knight, a youth of lively spirits, of very fair natural parts, and of extraordinary personal beauty, having been trained by a doting mother to seek his fortunes through marriage, had come to London on his return from the usual three years' travel, sparkling with vivacity and accomplishments, but estate beyond that which he carried in his face. In the modesty of his beginning, he aspired to gain a daughter of Sir Roger Aston, the King's old barber and messenger. The damsel liked him, and Lady Villiers thought the match a great one for her son. But when George came up to town, her friends advised that such a very pretty fellow should be in no hurry about a wife, but, dressing himself in his best, should appear at court, and take the chances of his figure and his conversation raising him into favour. As a dancer, a masquer, a jouster, a leaper, he had few rivals; as a courtier, a servant, a companion, he had none. In a few months he rose from being a page and cupbearer to be a gentheman of the bedchamber and a knight, with a pension of 1,000l. a year. Much wiser men than James felt an interest in this prodigal of nature; every one, indeed, who came within the reach of his happy influence loved him and drew near to him, even the ascetic Lord Primate and the astute Attorney-General. If his youth, his brightness, his abounding spirits entranced the King, his courtesy, his docility, his affectionateness, charmed the severer judges of conduct. He was useful too. In the fascinations which the unspoiled Villiers exercised over James, the divine and statesman found a counterpoise to the baneful dominion exercised by Carr. Villiers was English, and the English pushed his fortunes; Protestant, and the Protestants were on his side. MAGNANIMITY OF BACON.

"Sworn a member of the Privy Council, as in every stage of his rise, without a bribe, he took an

early opportunity of paying a most generous and distinguished compliment to Coke; expressing his opinion of the extraordinary value, with a draw-back here and there, of the Reports which were then so violently impugned. This compliment was put in a writing which he meant for posterity, his Proposal for Amending the Laws of England, and was addressed at the moment of Coke's darkest troubles to the King himself: 'Had it not been for Sir Edward Coke's Reports-which, though they may have errors, and some peremptory and extrajudicial resolutions more than are warranted, yet Judicial resolutions more than are warranted, yet they contain infinite good decisions and rulings over of cases—the law by this time had been almost like a ship without ballast.' After this well-made compliment to Coke, his mortal enemy, the very next act of this new Councillor, who, on grounds of humanity, was moving heaven and earth to save a couple of Papists from the gallows, was to induce favourite and his master to restore the famous Puritan preacher, Dr. Burgess, to his ministry in the Church. On every side tolerant of thought, on every side bountiful to merit, on every side he was generous to the fallen. Burgess had long been silenced. Many congregations wished to hear him preach; among others, the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn. Bacon prevailed, and the thunders of the great preacher were again heard at St. Paul's

THE NEW LORD KEEPER.

"Three thousand six hundred chancery causes waited his leisure; some of them of ten or twenty years' standing. The rules which he laid down for years' standing. The rules which he laid down for himself and for others, the courtesy with which he listened to the pleadings, the spirit in which he decided on conflicting claims, taking time to be right, but pronouncing his judgment the moment he had made up his mind, were beyond imitation and above praise. A minor reform which he brought into vogue, which he revived from the past, and made good for the future, was the practice of the Lord Chancellor giving dinners to the Bench and the Bar. Down to Hatton's time, the chiefs of the law had either regularly or occasionally seen the judges at their table; this jovial custom, laid aside by Puckering, had not been restored under Ellesmere. Bacon brought back these meetings of the profession. On the first day of term he feasted his followers at a banquet which cost him no less than 700l.; soon afterwards he invited the judges and leaders of the bar to dine with him, when he made them a speech, and saw 'cheer and comfort in their faces, as if it were a new world;' as in truth it was. By good humour, by patience and courtesy, by an assiduity which knew neither haste nor rest, he cleared off all the accumulation of arrears. In Easter and Trinity terms he settled no less than 3,658 suits; on the 8th of June he could proudly say: 'I have made even with justice: not one cause unheard. Men think I cannot continue. The duties of life are more than life; and if I die now I shall die before the world will be weary of me—which, in our time, is somewhat rare."

INSTAURATIO MAGNA.

"At the very hour in which Hansby was being dubbed a knight, and Reynell harassed by a threat of prosecution, the unsuspecting Lord Chaucellor was reading the proof-sheets of that work which was to bless their descendants to the end of time. In October, 1620, the 'Instauratio Magna' was given to the world. Copies of it were sent to the King, to the University of Cambridge, to Sir Henry Wotton and to Sir Edward Coke; with each copy an appropriate compliment or jest. To James, Bacon said he hoped his Majesty would be as long in reading it as he had been in writing it—thirty years. The King replied that it was like the wisdom of the Holy Ghost, that passeth all understand-What civil thing Coke said to Bacon's face we do not know; we know that he went home, perhaps from an interview with Churchill or Hansby, and wrote in his copy of the 'Instauratio Magna,' the polite and forgiving gift of Bacon:

Auctori Consilium. Instaurare paras veterum documenta sophorum : Instaura leges justitiamque prius.

This sneer at the writer's law had been already circulated by Coke in the Inns of Court. Under-

neath it, above the device of a ship which is passing adventurously through the Pillars of Hercules, Coke added these lines, in allusion to Sebastian Brant's 'Stultifera Navis':

It deserveth not to be read in schools, But to be freighted in the Ship of Fools."

VERULAM HOUSE. "In the bright country air, among his books, fish, flowers, collections and experiments, with his horse, his dogs, his pipe and his game at bowls, Bacon slowly recovered some part of his lost health, if not his ease of mind. When Chancellor, he had built a summer-house, about a mile from St. Albans, near the famous Byzantine ponds. The Gothic pile enlarged by Sir Nicholas for Lady Anne, which had come into his possession on his brother's death, stood high and dry above the water; and as the stream would not flow up to his house, he took his house down to the stream. Avenues of stately trees sloped from the hall door to the little lakes, which, four or five acres in extent, were kept bright as crystal, filled with brilliant fish, and paved with pebbles of various On the bank of one of these lakelets he had built Verulam House, a tiny but enchanted palace, one front leaning on the water, the other glancing, under oak and elm, up the long leafy arcade to his mother's house. This place was furnished and complete. The larders and kitchens were under ground; through the centre of the block ran a staircase, delicately carved; on the rests and landings a series of figures, a bishop, a friar, a king and the like, not one repeated either in idea or in execution; on the door of the upper story statues of Jupiter, Apollo and the round of gods. Beauty and luxury combined. Chimney-pieces prettily wrought, rooms lofty and wainscoted, baths, oratories, divans. Shafts from the chimneys ran round the rooms, with cushions on these shafts, so as to garner up the heat. The roof, which was flat and leaded, in the Eastern manner, commanded views of wood and water, plain and upland, with the square plain Saxon tower of St. Alban's abbey high above all. In the centre pond rose a Roman Temple or banqueting-room, paved with black and white marble. One of the doors had a device of mirrors, so that a stranger fancied he was looking into the gardens when the door was closed.

GEORGE HERRERT. "In translating the Advancement of Learning he was helped by George Herbert. Holy George, not yet become the recluse of Leighton or Bemerton, was then a Fellow of Trinity College and Public Orator of Cambridge; a man of many parts, and every part a good one; not more famous for his poetry and divinity, for his excellency in the Italian, French, and Spanish languages, than for his skill in Latin, as a writer of which tongue he had few, if any, rivals. Bacon had made his acquaintance during a visit to Trinity College, on one of King James's progresses; and his admiration for the young poet, young enough to be his son, soon ripened into personal love. Much of Herbert's time was passed in London, where his elder brother Sir Edward, afterwards the renowned Lord Herbert of Cherbury, and his more distant kinsmen, the Earls of Pembroke and Montgomery, held high positions at the court. Some of his time he spent at Verulam, working, under Bacon's eye, upon the translation of the Advancement of Learning into the De Augmentis Scientiarum. Bacon had little faith in the stability of English as a literary and learned vehicle; standing too near to see how much the new Bible had done, how much he himself was doing, and how much the plays of Shakespeare and Jonson would do, to give it form, precision, and durability; and he longed for the thousands of readers who were calling for his works from beyond the sea, and whom he could only reach through the Latin tongue. Some efforts at translation had been made by Doctor Playfer, more than a dozen years before; Playfer had a reputation for Latinity to lose; and on the trial of his strength he quickly lost it. Bacon had then laid the book aside; until, the Instauratio Magna being published, the second part of his magnificent scheme, De Aug-mentis Scientiarum, was required, and with the aid of Herbert, and some other eminent scholars,

CONTEST FOR YORK HOUSE.

"Buckingham would have had the world believe that in all these trials he was the most loved and trusted of Lord Bacon's friends; hence the hint through Packer that he wished his wife and mother to be courted by Lady St. Albans, and the inti-mation through Sackville that he desired the philosopher to express a confident reliance on his friend-ship. Sackville would fool him to the top of his bent; and the letter of sweetmeats had a prompt Buckingham not only allowed Bacon to come at once to Highgate, but sent this welcome message to him by the most welcome of all hands, those of Viscount Falkland. Sackville, bolder by this success, begged hard for the last five miles. this success, begged hard for the last five miles. 'Let my Lord be ruled by me, it will never be the worse for him,' said the Marquis. Sackville pressed still closer. 'Edward,' answered Buckingham, 'you play a good friend's part for my Lord St. Albans; yet I must tell you, I have not been well used by him.' In what way? How? Buckingham, being dressed to go out and dine with Gon-domar, replied, 'Come back in the evening, and you shall know my mind.' It proved to be the old story. Sackville, in reporting the scene to old story. Sackville, in reporting the scene to Bacon, wrote: 'He told me how much he had been beholden to you, how well he loved you, how unkindly he took the denial of your house......My Lord Falkland, by this time, hath showed you London from Highgate. If York House were gone, the town would be yours.' Moved by his best friends, and as an act of justice to his creditors, Bacon at length put aside his sentiment, and sold the lease, on which he received an immediate and complete enlargement of his liberties." complete enlargement of his liberties."

BACON'S WILL.

"Bacon was now near the end. A few days before Christmas, when he called his secretary and made his will, he could feel proudly satisfied that his gifts had been nobly spent, and that his work was well nigh done. The will was brief: 'My name and memory I leave to men's charitable speeches, and to foreign nations, and to the nextages. He desired to be laid near the mother he so dearly loved and so closely resembled, in St. Michael's church, near Gorhambury. Sir John Constable, his brother-inlaw, was to have the chief care of his books, and his political papers were to be scrutinized by two councillors of state, the Bishop of Lincoln and Sir Humphrey May. May was a personal friend; Williams was probably chosen from the same romantic generosity towards a fallen man, which had caused Bacon to pay his splendid compliment to Coke. First among his bequests were various sums to the poor: 'To the poor of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where I was born, forty pounds; to the poor of St. Michael's, where I desire to be buried, because the day of death is better than the day of birth, fifty pounds; to the poor of St. Andrew, Holborn, in respect of my long abode in Gray's Inn, thirty pounds; to the poor of three parishes of St. Alban's, each twenty pounds; the same to those of Twickenham and Redburn; also to those of Hampstead, where I heard sermons and prayers to my comfort in the time of the former great plague.' An ample income, far beyond the term of her marriage settlement, was secured to his wife; though, for reasons which are only darkly hinted in the will, a subsequent clause, or codicil, revoked these bequests, and left the Viscountess to her legal rights. Legacies were left to his friends and servants: to the Marquis d'Effiat 'my books of orisons, curiously rhymed; 'to the Earl of Dorset 'my ring with the crushed diamond, which the King that is gave me when Prince; to Lord Cavendish 'my casting-bottle of gold.' The lease of his rooms at Gray's Inn, valued at three hundred pounds, was to sold, and the money given to poor scholars. The residue of his estate, which, after paying his legacies and debts, he believed would be sufficient to yield an endowment of four hundred a-year, was to be used in founding two Lectureships on Natural Philosophy and the Physical Sciences at the Universities. It was a beautiful, beneficent dream.

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Gorhambury hard at work on his Sylva Sylvarum. A Parliament was called at Westminster for February, to which he received the usual summons, and from which Cranfield and Williams were excluded by name; but he was now too sick to obey the writ. During this session an impeachment was preferred against Buckingham in the House of Lords by the Earl of Bristol, a second in the House of Commons by Sir Dudley Digges. In the spring Bacon rode to Gray's Inn. The severity of the winter was not yet passed; for though April had come, the snow lay thick upon the ground. From this he caught the rheum of which he died. Taking the air one day with his physician, Dr. Witherborne, towards day with his physician, Dr. Witherborne, towards Highgate, the snow lying deep, it occurred to Bacon to inquire if flesh might not be preserved in snow as well as in salt. Pulling up at a small cottage, near the foot of Highgate Hill, he bought a hen from an old dame, plucked, and drew it; gathered up snow in his palms, and stuffed it into the fowl. Switten by a guiden chill but doubting the high state of the surface of th Smitten by a sudden chill, but doubting whether his attack were 'the stone, or some surfeit, or cold, or indeed a touch of all three,' Bacon drove to his friend Lord Arundel's house, close by, where Witherborne had him put into the bed from which he rose no more. The sheets were damp, as no one had slept in them for a year; and although the servants warmed the bed with a pan of coals, lying down in it inflamed his cold. From the first a gentle fever set in; he lingered just a week; and then, on the 9th of April, 1626, expired of congestion of the lungs.'

OPINIONS OF CONTEMPORARIES.

"His end was what a good man's should be; his work was done, and he died in peace. If the Great Instauration, as a mere book, was incomplete, the principles of a true interpretation of nature had been laid down, and the regeneration of the sciences could be safely left to time. If base or ignorant men might still throw dirt at him, he had been freed from blame by an extraordinary series of official, personal, and judicial acts. The rivals who had caused him pain had each in turn been overwhelmed with misery and shame; yet he felt no joy in their discom-fiture; not a word of passion or of triumph escaped his lips. From the moment of his trial, he had accepted the position of a necessary sacrifice. Restored to his legal rights, recalled to his seat among the Peers, surrounded by men who were the types of honour, piety, and scholarship, he had pursued his noble and gracious labours, at peace with the world, the world at peace with him. 'All that were world, the world at peace with him. All that were great and good, says Aubrey, 'loved and honoured him.' Great and good: the emphasis is Aubrey's own. In the minds of those who had virtue enough to appreciate high genius, and genius enough to comprehend great virtues, he suffered no injustice. Ben Jonson expressed of him, many years after he was gone, the opinion of all true scholars and all was gone, the opinion of all true scholars and an honest men: 'My conceit of his person was never increased towards him by his place or honours; but I have and do reverence him for the greatness that was only proper to himself, in that he seemed to me ever by his work one of the greatest of men. and most worthy of admiration that hath been in many ages. In his adversity I ever prayed that God would give him strength, for greatness he could not want. Neither could I condole in a word or syllable for him, as knowing no accident could do harm to virtue, but rather help to make it manifest.

The Three Panics: an Historical Episode. By R. Cobden, Esq., M.P. (Ward & Co.)

On the same day of the year we have two curious expressions of public thought. On Monday last, there was a review of twenty thousand volunteers on the Sussex Downs; and on the same day appeared a pamphlet from a Sussex resident, by name Richard Cobden, on those English panics to which the Citizen Army appear to have put an end. That wersities. It was a beautiful, beneficent dream."
HIS DEATH.

"The winter of 1625-6 was the most dismal he had known; the cold intense, the city blighted with plague, the war abroad disastrous, the very waters under Dover guns unsafe. Bacon remained at the long reach of cliff, and the bright town

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lying safe below, gathered the cream and strength of the young men of London and the South of England; representing not alone so many thousand rifles and bayonets, -though they would count in a struggle, - but so much resolution, sacrifice, intelligence and public virtue as have rarely massed themselves together under any flag. Twenty thousand men may not seem much when measured by the colossal size of French and Austrian armies; but we know that every man on the Sussex Downs was a representative man; like the knight of the shire, he represented the thousands who were not present, but who would as surely be heard of in the day of need. Twenty thousand rifles in good hands are something; twenty thousand centres of activity, ardour, skill and power are still more. The consciousness of this great fact makes the nation easy, buoyant, self-possessed; and in the fullness of our confidence we can very comfortably sit down, under the shield of this new army, and discuss with a philosophical radical like Mr. Cobden the history of those Panics which he derides, and which we hope to witness no more.

Mr. Cobden writes the history of the Three

Mr. Cobden writes the history of the Three Panies of 1847-8, of 1851-3 and of 1859-61. The first began with the publication of the Prince de Joinville's pamphlet, and ended with the arrival of "Mr. William Smith," ex-King of France, at Newhaven. The great literary feature of this panic was the publication of the Duke of Wellington's Letter to Sir John Burgoyne on the defenceless state of England. Mr. Cobden has some criticism to offer on this

memorable epistle:-

"The public has never been fully informed of the circumstances which led to the publication of this famous Letter. In a pamphlet which appeared in France, just previous to the opening of the session of 1848, written by M. Chevalier, who had already devoted his accomplished pen to the cause of the Anglo-French alliance, the Duke's letter had been treated in the character of an answer to Prince Joinville's publication. This drew from Lord John Russell an explanation in the House, on the authority of the Duke himself, in which he said that, 'nothing could have given greater pain,' to the writer, 'than the publication of sentiments which he had expressed confidentially to a brother officer. It was stated by Lord Palmerston, at a subsequent date, that the letter was written 'in consequence of an able memorandum drawn up by Sir John Burgoyne.' Whoever gave it to the world must have assumed that it would possess an authority above criticism; otherwise, it contains passages which would have induced a friend to withhold it from publication. The concluding sentence, where, in speaking of himself, he says, 'I am bordering upon seventy-seven years of age, passed in honour, affords sufficient proof that it was not intended for the public eye. The entire production, indeed, gives painful evidence of enfeebled powers. One extract will be sufficient; the italics are not in the original: I am accustomed to the consideration of these questions, and have examined and reconnoitred, over and over again, the whole coast from the North Foreland, by Dover, Folkestone, Beachy Head, Brighton, Arundel to Selsey Bill, near Portsmouth; and I say that, excepting immediately under the fire of Dover Castle, there is not a spot on the coast on which infantry might not be thrown on shore at any time of tide, with any wind, and in any weather, and from which such body of infantry so thrown on shore would not find within a distance of five miles a road into the interior of the country, through the cliffs, practicable for the march of a body of troops. Now, any person who has been in the habit of visiting Eastbourne and Hastings, knows that for half the year no prudent mariner brings his vessel within several miles of that coast, and that there is a considerable extent of shore where a landing is at all times impracticable. It may be safely affirmed, that if any one but the Duke of Wellington had stated that there was any shore in the world, on which a body of troops could be landed 'at any time of the tide,

with any wind, and in any weather,' the statement would have been deemed undeserving of notice. The assertion, however, passed unchallenged at the time, and the entire Letter was quoted as an unanswerable proof that the country was in danger. To have ventured on criticism or doubt would have only invited the accusation of want of patriotism."

The Revolution of February, 1848, occurred; and the French Royal Family, including ultimately the redoubtable Prince de Joinville, arrived in England, anything but conquerors:

"On the evening of the 24th of February, 1848, whilst the House of Commons was in session, a murmur of conversation suddenly arose at the door and spread throughout the house, when was witnessed—what never occurred before or since, in the writer's experience—a suspension for a few minutes of all attention to the business of the House, whilst every member was engaged in close and earnest conversation with his neighbour. The intelligence had arrived of the abdication and flight of Louis Philippe, and of the proclamation of the Republic. The monarch and his ministers, whose ambitious projects had furnished the pretexts for our warlike armaments, and the gallant prince, whose pamphlet had sounded like a tocsin in our ears, were now on their way to claim the hospitality of England."

Mr. Cobden tells us a private anecdote of the time:—

"The writer of these pages was sitting by the side of the late Mr. Hume when the tidings reached their bench. Sir Robert Peel was on the opposite front seat, alone, his powerful party having been broken and scattered by his great measure of Corn Law Repeal. 'I'll go and tell Sir Robert the news,' exclaimed Mr. Hume, and stepping across the floor, he seated himself by his side and communicated the startling intelligence. On returning to his place, he repeated, in the following words, the commentary of the ex-minister:—'This comes of trying to carry on a government by means of a mere majority of a chamber, without regard to the opinion out of doors. It is what these people (pointing with his thumb over his shoulder to the protectionists behind him) wished me to do, but I refused."

This great event put an end to the panic. Some attempts were made to get up an alarm by representing Changarnier as having offered to the Provisional Government to invade England at the head of a horde of bandits; but the good sense of the nation rejected these wild stories, the excitement gradually died away, the Militia Bill was postponed and the incometax remained at sevenpence in the pound.

Panic number Two began with the coup-d'état of December, 1851, and ended in the joint expedition to the Crimea. The answer to this panic was the Militia Bill. Our readers will remember how the Ministry of Lord John Russell fell on a motion by Lord Palmerston to give wider scope to this new armament; that Lord Derby came into power; and that under his auspices the military reserve was created. But the bill, Mr. Cobden tells us, was in substance Lord Palmerston's own measure:—

"As soon as the new ministry were constituted, they prepared another militia bill, which was introduced into the House by the Home Secretary on the 29th of March. This measure met the approval of Lord Palmerston, to whose energetic support it mainly owed its success. He could almost, indeed, claim to be its author; for it transpired, incidentally, in the course of the discussion, that his frequent questions in the House, in the time of Sir Robert Peel's ministry, had had the effect of inducing them to prepare a measure for revising the militia laws, but a change of ministry had prevented them from bringing it forward. Lord Palmerston, moreover, in the course of the debates, identified himself more exclusively with the policy of the bill by stating that he had pressed on Lord John Russell in 1846 the necessity of a similar measure. To him, also, was left the task of finding arguments for the bill, and it must be

admitted that he fulfilled the duties of an advocate with a courage, at least, that could not be surpassed. The reasons assigned by Mr. Walpole for introducing the measure, however ably stated, were so cautiously guarded by disavowals of any special ground of alarm, and so prudently seasoned with pledges for our peaceful foreign relations, that they were almost as good arguments for his opponents as his own party; whilst the more general motives assigned, founded on vague and shadowy assumptions of possible danger, would have been equally indisputable if our existing navy had been ten times as efficient as it had just been declared to be by Lord Derby. Lord Palmerston took a much bolder course. Falling back on his own idea of steam navigation having given an advantage to our neighbour, or, to use his favourite phrase, having 'thrown a bridge across the Channel,' he now insisted on the practicability of 50,000 or 60,000 men being transported, without notice, from Cherbourg to our shores in a single night. Such a declaration had not been before heard from one holding high rank in that House. It overleapt all reliance on our diplomacy or our fleets; and, strange enough in one who had offered such eager congratulations to the author of the coup-d'état, the assumption of such a danger as this implied that our neighbour was little better than a buccaneer. But this hypothesis of sudden invasion is absolutely indispensable for affording the alarmists any standing ground whatever. Take away the liability to surprise, by admitting the necessity of a previous ground of quarrel, and the delays of a diplomatic correspondence, and you have time to collect your fleet and drill an army.'

On this point, of our having time to drill an army after the enemy has given us notice of his intention to invade our shores, Mr. Cobden quotes a corroborative remark from Lord Hardinge, "Give me," said the Commander-in-Chief before the Sebastopol Committee, "a good stout man; and let us have him for sixty days to train him, and he will be as good a soldier as you can have. We think Mr. Cobden takes this saying too literally. The point is one not strictly confined to military testimony. Many thousands of our civilian countrymen have by this time a shrewd opinion of the sort of soldier two months of drill will make "a good stout man." A brigade of such soldiers would have made a very poor figure on White Hawk Down beside such corps as the Inns of Court, the South Middlesex and the London Scottish. But should we have the sixty days? How many days' notice had the Austrians in 1859? Up to within a few days of the order to march over Mont Cenis, the French declared in all their journals there would be no war, and that, on the part of France, no extraordinary preparations had been made. We must not blind ourselves to visible facts. Lord Palmerston, we think, erred on the other hand when he said, "The very ship despatched to convey to this country intelligence of the threatened armament would probably not reach our shores much sooner than the hostile expedition." The truth probably lies between the two. To succeed in any degree, an invasion of England must be a surprise; and though the ship that brought us a declaration of war would probably not be outsailed by a squadron freighted with Zouaves, it would so obviously be the enemy's policy to deal the word and the blow together, that we should probably have less than sixty days to prepare our "good stout man" to meet the Chasseurs d'Afrique—a most uncomfortable position, we should fear, under such circumstances, for our good stout friend.

The Third Panic is that of 1859-61, which began with the French reconstruction of their Navy, and ended in the Warrior and Black Prince, and in the organization of our Volunteer force. Sir Charles Napier, after failing in the Baltic, had recommenced the war in South-

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wark and the House of Commons. In one of his | flighty speeches, the Old Salt had said—"Let the House look at our condition at the present moment. We had no Channel fleet. In a few months we should not have a line-of-battle ship in England; and in case of a sudden war with France and Russia, he did not believe the Queen's throne would be worth six months' purchase."

Mr. Cobden is severe, but not too severe, on

the flighty Admiral :-

"On his return to the House of Commons, after being superseded in the command of the Baltic fleet during the Crimean war, he became possessed with a morbid apprehension, amounting almost to a state of monomania, respecting the threatening attitude of France, and our insufficient means of defence. It was not peculiar to his case, for it is common to all who share his delusion about the danger of an invasion, that he always lost sight of all that was already done, and called for something else as the sole means of security. Thus, he de-manded more line-of-battle ships, and ignored the existence of the new force of small vessels; then he called for a Channel fleet, whilst he threw contempt on the block-ships; when the Channel fleet was completed, he declared that the crews were in mutiny from mismanagement; when the number of line-of-battle ships was so great as to extort from him expressions of satisfaction, he asked what was the use of ships without seamen; when the number of seamen voted for our royal navy exceeded that of the entire sea-going population of France, he called aloud for a reserve; and when he had been triumphant in all his demands, he reverted to the opinion which he had been one of the first to proclaim, that the whole navy must be reconstructed, for that 'a broadside from the modern shell guns would tear holes in the sides of our wooden ships through which it would be easy to drive a wheel-barrow."

But the alarm was kept down until the Italian outbreak and the invasion of Lombardy by the French. The Tory party was supposed to be in favour of Austria, and the generally impassive House of Lords was often disturbed by complaints against Louis Napoleon. Mr.

Cobden says of the Peers:-

"They did not avowedly espouse or defend the cause of Austria; public opinion was too strong in the opposite direction. But to proclaim the danger of an invasion of England, and thus rouse the hostile passions of the country against the French Emperor, operated, to some extent, as a diversion in favour of his antagonist; and he is said, by those who were in a position to be well informed on the subject, to have been so far influenced by the hos-tile attitude manifested in high quarters in this country, that it operated, among other causes, disadvantageously to the Italian cause, in bringing the campaign to a precipitate close. The most inveterate alarmist might have rested satisfied, that, as the Emperor had allowed us to escape two years before, when we were involved in our Indian difficulty, he would not seek a rupture just at the moment when his own hands were so fully occupied in Italy. He knew that a war with England meant a campaign on the Rhine, as well as the Mincio, with British subsidies to Austria and Germany, and a naval war extending to every sea. Yet this was the fate to which, in the eyes of panic-struck peers, he was rushing, impelled—in the absence of every rational motive—by his des-

We are glad to have that private bit of information about the Emperor being held back by English opinion. Mr. Cobden is very severe on Lord Lyndhurst's memorable speech on the national defences, and on the observa-tions made the same night by Lord Stratford de Redcliffe. But Lord Palmerston is the chief sinner in Mr. Cobden's eyes. One point

having bridged the Channel." Mr. Cobden writes :-

"In a quotation given above, from Lord Palmerston's speech, there is a very curious error in attributing to Sir Robert Peel an opinion on this subject the very opposite of that which he enter-tained. It is a singular illustration of the fallibility of even the best of memories, that there should have been put into the mouth of that minister, in perfect good faith, no doubt, language, respecting a 'steam-bridge,' which he emphatically repudiated, so long ago as 1845, when uttered by the very statesman who now assigned to him its authorship. The incident is so curious, that, for correct illustra-tion, the quotations must be given textually and in juxtaposition:—Lord Palmerston (July 30, 1845): In reference to steam-navigation, what he said was, that the progress which had been made had converted the ordinary means of transport into a steam-bridge.' Sir Robert Peel (same date in reply): 'The noble lord (Lord Palmerston) appeared to retain the impression that our means appeared to retain the impression that our means of defence were rather abated by the discovery of steam-navigation. He was not at all prepared to admit that. He thought that the demonstration which we could make of our steam-navy was one which would surprise the world; and as the noble lord had spoken of steam-bridges, he would remind him that there were two parties who could play at making them.' Lord Palmerston (July 23, 1860): 'And, in fact, as I remember Sir Robert Peel stating, steam had bridged the Channel, and for the purpose of aggression had almost made this country cease to be an island.' The above citations, if they do not warrant the conclusion, that the theory of steam navigation having rendered our shores more vulnerable to attack originated exclusively with the present Prime Minister, prove at least, beyond dispute, that in the costly application of that theory to this plan of fortifications, he has been acting in opposition to the recorded opinions of the most eminent statesmen, and the highest professional and practical authorities of the age."

Mr. Cobden seems to think our present naval armament out of all fair proportion to that of France, and that it is our duty to reduce it. To persuade the English public to enter on this course of retrenchment is the first object of his pamphlet. He would have us set the example of disarmament to France and to all nations, as we set them the example of Free Trade - without demanding reciprocity of

treatment. This is his summary:-

"If the people of this country would offer a practical atonement to France, and at the same time secure for themselves an honourable relief from the unnecessary burdens which their govern-ments have imposed on them, they should initiate a frank proposal for opening negotiations between the two governments with the view of agreeing to the two governments with the view of agreeing to some plan for limiting their naval armaments. This would, undoubtedly, be as acceptable to our neighbours as it would be beneficial to ourselves. It would tend to bring the attitude of the French Government into greater harmony with its new commercial policy, and thus save them from a repetition of those taunts with which they were, with some logical force, assailed a few weeks ago, by M. Pouyer-Quertier, the leader of the Protectionists in the Corps Législatif:—'If, indeed,' said he, 'in exchange for the benefits you have conceded to England, you had only established a firmer and more faithful alliance! Had you been only able to effect a saving in your military and naval expeneffect a saving in your military and naval expen-diture! But see what is passing in England, where they are pushing forward, without measure, their armaments. \* \* Can we be said to be at peace, while our coasts are surrounded with British gun-boats, and with iron-cased vessels? Are these the fruits of the alliance; these the results of that entente cordiale on which you calculated as the price of your concessions? Let the free-trade champions chief sinner in Mr. Cobden's eyes. One point which he brings forward is a literary curiosity: anattempt—anunconscious attempt, no doubt— of Lord Palmerston to fasten on Sir Robert Peel his own famous expression about "steam the English Government compel you to increase your armaments, and thus deprive us of all hope of a prey to her unsatisfied yearning, and Lizzie

retrenchment.' It must be remembered, that such is the immense superiority of our navy at the present time, so greatly does it surpass that relative strength which it was formerly accustomed to bear strength which it was formerly accustomed to bear in comparison with the navy of France, that it devolves on us, as a point of honour, to make the first proposal for an attempt to put a limit to this most irrational and costly rivalry of armaments. Should such a step lead to a successful result, we must not be surprised if the parties who have been so long employed in promoting jealousy and discord between this country and France should seek for congenial occupation in envenoming our relations with America, or elsewhere. There is but one way of successfully dealing with these alarmists. Speaking in 1850, at the close of his career, the most cautious and sagacious of our statesmen said, 'I believe, that, in time of peace, we must by our retrenchment consent to incur some risk. I venture to say, that if you choose to have all the garrisons of all your colonial possessions in a complete state, and to have all your fortifications secure against attack, no amount of annual expenditure will be sufficient to accomplish your object. If, hereafter, an attempt be made, on no better evidence than that which has been subjected to analysis in the preceding pages, to induce us to arm and fortify ourselves against some other power, it is hoped that, remembering the enormous expense we have incurred to insure ourselves against imaginary dangers from France, we shall meet all such attempts to frighten us with the words of Sir Robert Peel, 'We consent to incur some risk.'"

The idea of our making an atonement to France for the insult of our misgiving is a little comical. But the main point of Mr. Cobden's proposition is one in which every man of good sense must concur. We should all rejoice at hearing of reductions in our expenditure-of the abolition of our income-tax,—if we could only have these blessings along with the still greater blessings of confidence and security. But confidence and security are our first needs as a people; and we do not believe that Mr. Cobden's pamphlet, clever and logical as it is within its own range of ideas, will persuade many of the Volunteers to lay down their arms.

Goblin Market, and other Poems. By Christina Rossetti. (Macmillan & Co.)

THESE lays by Miss Rossetti have the charm of a welcome surprise. They are no mere reflections and echoes of previous beauty and music, but, whatever their faults, express both in essence and form the individuality of the writer. To read these poems after the laboured and skilful, but not original, verse which has been issued of late, is like passing from a pic-ture gallery, with its well-feigned semblance of nature, to the real nature out-of-doors which greets us with the waving grass and the pleasant

shock of the breeze.

'Goblin Market,' the most important of Miss Rossetti's poems, has true dramatic character, life and picture for those who read it simply as a legend, while it has an inner meaning for all who can discern it. Like many of its companions, it is suggestive and symbolical without the stiffness of set allegory. The tale is one of two sisters, Lizzie and Laura, both of whom are tempted by goblin merchants with their fruits. These are so deliciously painted, that we almost forgive poor Laura for yielding to their seductions, while we admire the constancy of the firmer sister in resisting them. At first the fruits which the goblins bestow upon Laura fill her with rapture; but this feeling passes, and she longs to renew it by tasting once more the produce of the unknown orchard. Alas! the goblins, having gained their evil purpose in her torment, no more re-visit her, although they

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repairs to the goblin-folk, to obtain from them, if possible, the fruits for which her sister pines. Lizzie, however, desires to pay for the dainties which her sister had taken as a gift: a subtle hint, we suppose, that the pleasures which are noxious when unearned may fairly be enjoyed as the reward of toil or duty. But the goblins reject Lizzie's offered fee, forbid her to take the fruit home, and insist that she shall taste it on the spot. At length she triumphs over their wiles and menaces, and escapes home to her sister. Then, by a process which is the least distinct part of the story, Lizzie wins Laura to repentance, and to a relish for those homely joys which she had scorned for the baneful sweets of Elf-land. The reader may easily draw the moral of this quaint fable for himself; but we must show him, by an extract or two, the dramatic and pictorial power with which Miss Rossetti translates herself into the nature of her goblins, and back again into that of her pure-minded heroine. The elves espy Lizzie as she approaches them on behalf of her sister :-

Laughed every goblin
When they spied her peeping:
Came towards her hobbling,
Flying, running, leaping,
Flying, running, leaping,
Flying, running, leaping,
Flying, and blowing,
Gunghing, and gobbling,
Mopping and mowing,
Full of airs and graces,
Fulling wry faces,
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Cat-like and rat-like,
Ratel- and wombat-like,
Snail-paced in a hurry,
Farrot-voiced and whistler,
Helter skelter, hurry skurry,
Chattering like pigeons,
Gliding like fishes,
Hugged her and kissed her,
Squeezed and caressed her:
Stretched up their dishes,
Fanniers, and plates:
"Look at our apples
Russet and dun,
Bob at our cherries,
Bite at our peaches,
Citrons and dates,
Grapes for the asking,
Fears red with basking
Out in the sun,
Flums on their twigs;
Pluck them and suck them,
Pomegranates, figs."

But, the temptation being withstood, the tempters show the true spite of goblin nature:—

They began to scratch their pates,
No longer wagging, purring,
But visibly demurring,
Grunting and snarling.
One called her proud,
Cross-grained, uncivil;
Their tones waxed loud,
Their looks were evil.
Lashing their tails,
They trod and hustled her,
Elbowed and jostled her,
Clawed with their nails,
Barking, mewing, hissing, mocking,
Tore her gown and soiled her stocking,
Twitched her hair out by the roots,
Stamped upon her tender feet,
Heid her hands and squeezed their fruits
Against her mount to make her eat.

Against her mouth to make her eat.
White and golden Lizzie stood,
Like a fily in a flood,—
Like a rock of blue-veined stone
Lashed by tides obstreperously,—
Like a beacon left alone
In a hoary roaring sea,
Sending up a golden fire,—
Like a fruit-crowned orange-tree
White with blossoms honey-sweet
Sore beset by wasp and bee,—
Like a royal virgin town
Topped with gilded dome and spire
Close beleaguered by a fleet
Mad to tug her standard down.

The poems that follow are of various merit, both in kind and degree; but even in the case of those which we least like—'Sister Maude,' for example,—there is not one without an idea for its root, or without the complete unfolding of that idea for its purpose. Sometimes, as in 'Love from the North' and 'Maude Clare,'

the idea is rendered with a vividness and roundness that leave nothing to be added or desired. In other cases, both thought and expression are so delicate that the full meaning can only be discerned by a poetic eye. The reader, for instance, must himself bring imagination to the poem called 'An Apple Gathering,' or he will lose much of its significance. Its simple beauty of description and plaintive melody cannot well be missed; but it needs deeper insight to find in the young girl who plucks apple-blossoms for her adorning, a type of those prodigal affections that forestall their future, and are thus barren when less ardent natures are fruitful. We extract this charming idyll at full:—

AN APPLE GATHERING.

I plucked pink blossoms from mine apple tree
And wore them all that evening in my hair:
Then in due season when I went to see
I found no apples there.

With dangling basket all along the grass As I had come I went the selfsame track: My neighbours mocked me while they saw me pass So empty-handed back.

Lilian and Lilias smiled in trudging by, Their heaped-up basket teased me like a jeer; Sweet-voiced they sang beneath the sunset sky, Their mother's home was near.

Plump Gertrude passed me with her basket full, A stronger hand than hers helped it along; A voice talked with her through the shadows cool More sweet to me than song.

Ah Willie, Willie, was my love less worth
Than apples with their green leaves piled above?
I counted rosiest apples on the earth
Of far less worth than love.

So once it was with me you stooped to talk Laughing and listening in this very lane: To think that by this way we used to walk We shall not walk again!

I let my neighbours pass me, ones and twos And groups; the latest said the night grew chill, And hastened: but I loitered, while the dews Fell fast I loitered still.

The sweetness of these lines lingers on the ear, and makes us regret that Miss Rossetti, who is, when she chooses, a mistress of verbal harmony, should at times employ discords with a frequency which aims at variety but results in harshness. From this flaw, however, her strains are generally free when their burden is sad; but we could well wish that the minor key which she uses so effectively were used less often. Sorrow for its own sakesorrow unimproved into faith or resignationhas but a dangerous charm,—and, indeed, a poor one when compared with that nobler influence, of which this writer is capable. Her poem, 'From House to Home,' and her devotional pieces generally, rebuke the vain laments which she elsewhere utters. Still, we must not be ungrateful, nor repine too much that, while gathering the ripe vintage, we meet also with the hectic leaf. Miss Rossetti's poems are not all of equal merit, and there is more than one from the teaching of which we dissent; but the entire series displays imagination and beauty which are both undeniable and unborrowed.

The Channings. By Mrs. Henry Wood. 3 vols. (Bentley.)

It is seldom that we meet with two books, by the same author, so entirely dissimilar as 'East Lynne' and 'The Channings.' The merits of each, in its own particular line, are perhaps equal, but the style of book is as different as possible. 'East Lynne' was a romance—a love-story of the most exciting and complicated nature: it may have been a little exaggerated in parts—it may have had trifling discrepancies—portions of the story may have been improbable; but no one can deny that 'East Lynne' was a work of absorbing interest,—this interest being concentrated in the conjugal life of a lawyer in a county town, and in

quite another kind of book, containing very little romance, scarcely any love-making,—being, indeed, just what it professes to be, "not merely a work of imagination, but a story of the Helstonleigh College boys, taken from facts of real life." As a work of art, achieving the object proposed by the author. 'The Channings' is perhaps superior to 'East Lynne'; but it is intended for a totally distinct class of readers. 'East Lynne' may have been objected to as "not a proper book for young ladies"; 'The Channings' does not contain a single line which may not be read with advantage by the very youngest and most unsophisticated school-girl. But to school-boys, or to the families of school-boys, we can imagine nothing more charming than the first perusal of this book. It will probably be read even over and over again; and it is certain that it can never be read without profit both by parents and children. It is essentially a book for young people, yet it will interest the fathers and mothers of "the rising generation." 'The Channings' is, in fact, merely the simple history of a certain eventful six months in the lives of two large families, the Channings and the Yorkes. an old cathedral town, containing within its sacred precincts a collegiate school, live these two families. The Yorkes are a harum-scarum race—badly brought up, by a foolish Irish mother, of high rank but small income. The Channings are carefully educated—the fear of God being the chief corner-stone of that hometeaching, and the wish to do their duty thoroughly, to God and to their neighbour, being the chief aim and object of their existence.
The Channings and the Yorkes are all much of an age. Roland Yorke is articled to "the Proctor"—an important, bustling little man, who plays a great part in ecclesiastical matters in Helstonleigh. Arthur Channing also hopes to be articled to Mr. Galloway, some fortunate day; but, till the requisite means are forthcoming, he works in the office as a paid clerk, doing all his own work and most of Roland's. Mr. Channing and his eldest son Hamish are managers of the Helstonleigh branch of a large London insurance-office; -not that Mr. Channing had ever been brought up to business, but his lawful inheritance had been thrown into Chancery, and his income was small and uncertain. The story begins with the news that the long Chancery suit is at an end: the verdict is given against the Channings; all hope of the family estates being ultimately recovered is lost for ever, and the young Channings must make up their minds to work hard for their living, and the strictest economy will be needed in order to make both ends meet comfortably. Mr. Channing is a complete cripple from rheumatic gout; he can do nothing but lie still and direct the dutiful Hamish to fulfil the task of managing the business. The Channings have all their lives looked forward to a period when they should be rich and prosperous, and unembarrassed: it seemed impossible that they should really be deprived of their inheritance. Plans had been made by each member of the family with regard to their future prospects. Mr. Channing was to go to some famous German baths; Constance, to espouse the Rev. William Yorke: Hamish will be an idle gentleman; Arthur, an articled pupil of Mr. Galloway's. But these schemes all fall to the ground, except one. Constance will go out as a daily governess; Arthur, who has a taste for music, obtains the appointment of deputy-organist, in addition to 62

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what may to the rest of the family, Mr. Channing must go to the German baths—that alone is essential to the happiness of all the Channings. The two youngest boys are at the college-school, with the two youngest Yorkes: Tom Channing and Gerald Yorke being rivals for the seniority of the school; Tod Yorke and Charley Channing, among the junior boys, fighting, getting into mischief, learning and playing together, as neighbours and schoolfellows will.

Lady Augusta Yorke is in want of a daily governess, and engages Constance Channing, her little sister Annabel being about the age of little Fanny Yorke; and the two families live together on amicable terms throughout, till a sudden and astounding event occurs in Helstonleigh. Mr. Galloway, to the knowledge of two young men in his office, sends a 20/. note in a letter which never reaches its destination. It was not stolen in its transit through the Post-Office: that can be proved. The letter had been opened before it left the office, and the note abstracted by some one on the premises. This is the matter upon which the whole story turns. Roland Yorke was out the greater part of the afternoon, therefore he could not have touched the letter. Joe Jenkins, the clerk, was ill in bed, in con-sequence of a practical joke played by the college-boys. Arthur had gone to play the organ for the afternoon service, but had only left the office a very short time, and during that time his brother Hamish had taken his place at Mr. Galloway's. Who was the thief? Everyat Mr. Galloway S. Who was the thiel? Every-body suspects Arthur, except Constance and Roland Yorke. Arthur and Constance appa-rently have the best reasons in the world for suspecting Hamish; but as that would break the father's heart and involve the whole family in ruin, they agree to screen him at all hazards, let the consequences be what they may. Arthur is arrested; but Mr. Galloway, out of regard to his father, declines to prosecute. That, however, goes against the young man rather than not. He loses his situation at the Proctor's, but is permitted to retain that of deputyorganist, as nothing can be proved against him. Constance nearly loses her governess-ship, and quite quarrels with her lover, in spite of his having just obtained a chaplaincy in the neighbourhood, with a house and 300% a year. Tom and Charley are teazed and insulted at the college with being the brothers of a thief. Tom loses all chance of being senior boy, and Charley is bullied and frightened, till he tumbles into the river in a paroxysm of alarm, and disappears altogether. All this while, Mr. and Mrs. Channing are staying at Borcette, gaining health and strength, and happily unconscious of the anxiety and trouble which their children are undergoing at home. It is true, the father suspects Arthur to be guilty; but the mother, never. Hamish is their favourite, and their chief joy and pride, and it would be utterly out of the question to believe for a moment that he could do a dishonest or dishonourable action. All this is particularly well told. Hamish may be guilty -the reader can scarcely make up his own mind on the subject, so no wonder nobody else can. Appearances are strongly against both the brothers, only somehow we feel it cannot

The old Channings return home, he able to walk and with every hope of ultimate recovery; but all the pleasure of meeting is destroyed by the sad news that little Charley is missing, that Arthur is still under a cloud, that the prospects of the whole family are blighted by the suspicion that one among them is a thief, and all that is left to them is a never-failing faith and a firm reliance on the justice and mercy of God.

They are not disappointed: the real thief confesses all; Charley returns; Mr. William Yorke repents, and is forgiven, a little too willingly, by the gentle Constance. Mr. Channing is able to return to his work. Hamish gets a better appointment, and proposes to the lady of his affection with the most perfect security of success in his suit. Arthur is presented with his long-wished-for articles by Mr. Galloway himself; Tom regains the seniority of the school, and the whole Channing family find the benefit of having followed their father's teaching: "Hope on, strive on, work on, trust on." The Yorkes see and own their follies and mistakes; and we may leave them, in the hope of their improvement and amendment in future.

The story is slight and unimportant. The merit of it lies in the detail, and the extreme truthfulness and simplicity in which it is related. We feel, while reading it, as if we had been living all our lives in the old Cathedral town, and knew each college-boy by sight, and met the good-natured, jovial Bishop and the stiff, dignified Dean every time we went out walking. Mr. Ketch, the great enemy of the school-boys and the victim of their choicest tricks, is a capital character; and Joe Jenkins, the clerk, so humble and faithful to his master, so terribly henpecked at home, and so beloved and respected abroad, wins all our sympathy and affection. It is impossible not to read every word with interest; and we feel that we know every character intimately, and feel real regret at parting with them. The struggle in Arthur's mind between clearing his own character and exposing his brother to suspicion is very touching; and the strong affection which unites the Channing family in their troubles, as compared with the selfish carelessness of the Yorkes, cannot fail to produce a good effect upon every reader of this book, of whatever age, sex or degree.

Revelation and Science in respect to Bunsen's Biblical Researches, &c. By the Rev. B. W. Savile, M.A. (Longman & Co.)

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There is a lull on the question of the 'Essays and Reviews.' Dr. Lushington has sensibly deferred his judgment until his superior Court, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, has decided a similar case, now before them on appeal. Everything depends on this Committee: if they say A, Dr. Lushington will say B, some bishop will say C, and we shall have the whole alphabet of coercion said or sung for the glory of alphabet of coercion said or sung for the glory of God, with about as much effect on the inculpated opinions as heretofore. In the mean time the Quarterly Review makes its appearance with a laboured article on the training of the clergy, the opening of which announces, in cautious terms, that a new alarm is arising. The number of the young men who seek admission into holy orders is diminishing. We do not wonder at it; nor should we be at all surprised if the standard of ability among them were also on the decline. What are young men to do who feel the spirit within them honest and true? If the Establishment unequivocally gave them breadth of opinion, they would know what they were about: and so they would if it locked them up by close subscription, and kept the fetters equally tight from first to last. But they see that they are to be bound down at entrance, that a very large loosening of the tether is to be allowed, while Dr. Lushington and the Lords of the Privy Council are to be always at work to settle whether a poor priest has gone beyond the range which the times are to allow. No wonder if young gentlemen in these days feel

no great vocation. We are not disposed to enter into any close

conflict, while the matter is thus hung up; and if we were, we should not think it worth while to bandy blows with Mr. Savile. A couple of instances of his plan of proceeding will be enough. He announces that Pope Pius the Fourth, by issuing a new creed, has made the Church of Rome brand herself as being "novel, heretical and apostate." For this he quotes the Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431), which decreed that "whoever shall dare to compose any other creed beside that . . . of Nicæa . . . they shall be deposed, the bishops from their episcopal office, the clergymen from the clergy. Now, first, if Mr. Savile had been much of a canonist, he would have known that the performance by a bishop of an act inferring his deposition does not, per se, make his Church heretical: and he would further have seen that the decree is relative to discipline alone, without reference to doctrine; so that, provided the new creed were but orthodox, the Church which adopted it might be, in the common non-doctrinal sense, heretical, but would not be apostate. Secondly, if Mr. Savile's maxim be true, what is the Church of England, which adopts the Athanasian Creed? Is the Athanasian Creed the one settled by the Nicene Council? Does not every one know that it was composed long after the Council of Ephesus? Mr. Savile reminds us of a young clergyman, just ordained thirty years ago, upon the usual modicum of Paley and Pearson, who thought that he must talk a little theology to a college friend who was still in the outer court, among the laity. And so he went on until he ended with, "It all arises, you see, from those Roman Catholics making baptism a sacrament——Bless me! I forgot; so do we."

Again, Mr. Savile revives, from Wheatly, the excuse for the Athanasian Creed, that the greater part of it is sermon, which anybody may believe or not, the damnatory clauses referring only to the text. We quote a morsel for the admiration of our readers:—

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"Thus the popular idea, to which, we suppose, the Essayist inclines,—that every word of the Creed is to be believed on pain of damnation,—is, in reality, a delusion, when the Creed itself is carefully examined. For all that is required of us, as necessary to salvation, is, that before all things we hold the Catholic faith; and the Catholic faith is explained to be this—that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance; which is repeated further on. So that in all things, as is afore said, the Unity in Trinity is to be worshipped. He, therefore, that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity. . . . What else the Creed contains is only brought as a proof and illustration in support, both of the doctrine of the Trinity, and also that of the Atonement; and therefore, as Wheatly truly observes, requires our assent no more than a sermon to prove or illustrate a text. The text, we know, is the word of God, and therefore necessary to be believed; but no person is, for that reason, bound to believe every particular of the sermon deduced from it on pain of damnation, though every tittle of it may be true."

This beats all the Essayists and Reviewers for sheer heresy. According to Mr. Savile, the equal divinity of the three persons, the uncreated character of the second, the eternity of the three, &c., are but points of the sermon, illustrating the text, but not necessary parts of belief. With reference to his confinement of the denunciation to the leading statement, or text, there is a verse at the end which Mr. Savile has omitted, and for good reason. "This [i.e. all that has preceded] is the Catholic Faith: which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved."

Enough of Mr. Savile. When will the time come for bishops to see that a system thus supported cannot stand? The author before us is

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not the only instance, by a great many, of clergymen who cannot steer clear of Scylla without falling into Charybdis. Without any disposition to be severe upon the shifts which the present subscriptions inevitably require, it is impossible to bear, without indignant remonstrance, attempts at coercion on the part of those whose defence of one part of their own subscription requires the repudiation of another. Taking this subscription to be reasonable, and its consequences legitimate, it follows that the orthodoxy of the English Establishment is a contest of opposite heresies.

The Life and Letters of Washington Irving.

Edited by his Nephew, Pierre M. Irving.

3 vols. Vol. I. (Bentley.)

It is just one hundred and one years ago that a seafaring Presbyterian from Orkney wedded a pretty Cornish and Episcopalian girl at Falmouth. The young couple settled in New York. Eleven children came of their union, of whom Washington Irving was the eighth, born two-and-twenty years after the marriage of his parents-namely, in 1783. The chief of this household, if not a sour, was a stern Presbyterian. He spoiled his children's half-holidays by devoting them to catechizings, and made their Sabbaths unlovely by excess of religious exercises. They were driven into the belief that nothing could be pleasant but what was wicked, and their only idea of "playing" was at giving and taking the Sacrament. But yoked with the Orcadian merchant was his gentle wife, still an Episcopalian at heart, and the sun of her affection and the brightness of her good sense kept the young people observant of duties towards the well-meaning father, from which otherwise they would have broken off. Of the eleven children, only one, and she died early, remained faithful to the covenant. As for Washington, he paid the most touching compliment to that dear mother that it ever entered the heart of child to pay. The little fellow went silently over to the Episcopal Church and obtained confirmation. The secret he kept to himself; but as he, during his father's lifetime, followed the unsuspecting sire to "chapel," his young heart must have often beat there to the tune of "This is nae my ain house, I knaw by the biggin o't!"

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the Washington after whom he was named, his enthusiastic nursemaid having held him up for that purpose to the hero, young Irving, of a family friendly to American liberty, but not apparently enthusiastic about it, was doubly armed to encounter the world and the temptations thereof. The defects in the paternal code for ruling a household drove Irving into many temptations from which the father would have kept him. Even as the boy became an Episcopalian, so did he learn dancing, and so did he resort to the theatre. In the last case he would run home to prayers, walk demurely up to bed, drop himself from his bed-room window, and so back to the play again, reentering the house by scaling the wall, like Don Giovanni. A lad who should play such tricks now, we should consider on the high road to ruin; but in these later days fathers make friends of their boys, and the young heart knows of one hypocrisy the less.

Irving received what would be called a middle-class education, which, popularly speaking, is very "middling" indeed; something of everything and not much of anything. At the end of it, or rather long before, he was looking out to the world for a purpose. He would have been a sailor, but he could not sleep on hard boards, hated salt pork, and, besides, had a consumptive cough. He turned for a while to

the law, and subsequently travelled into what then seemed distant and savage wilds, but which are now crowded by highly-civilized persons cutting and maining each other, and destroying life with most uncivilized eagerness. Then came little love passages of no great seriousness, the tuning of the strings only, before the harp of the heart is touched to the old melody of human life. Withal, Irving was delicate, not framed to struggle with difficulties, not strung to bear disappointments; and so, in 1804, the young fellow addicted to, but not yet celebrated in, literature, thought of winning health and strength for both mind and body, by coming to the Old Europe, which every American respects, however much he may abuse it. As he went up, or was assisted up, the ship's side that was to carry him to Bordeaux, the Yankee captain, Shaler, remarked, with laudable delicacy of feeling, "There's a chap that will go overboard before we get across."

The captain was mistaken; and Irving, after passing through the best half of Europe, reached London in October, 1805, brimfull of nationality and attired in "a light grey coat, white embroidered vest and coloured smallelothes, when all England was in mourning" for the death of Nelson. The victory purchased at the cost of that life lost half its triumph. "The song of triumph," writes Irving, "was suppressed; among the lowest of the mob I can hear Nelson's eulogium passed from mouth to mouth; every one yields his voice to the national tribute of gratitude and affection." The joy for the achievement was almost quenched in sorrow for Nelson's fall.

Throughout the details of this journey, numerous extracts are given from the journal kept by the traveller, the most interesting portion of which has reference to the sojourn in London. The dramatic criticisms are especially good; and pompous John Kemble, who owed half his excellence to the drilling of his sister, with that same Mrs. Siddons and George Frederick Cooke, are pictured forth in very brilliant colours. Mr. Irving once saw Kemble in Jaffier, not one of his perfect representations. Mr. Hargrave was the Pierre, "and a noisy conquering bully did he make of him. I would have given anything to have had Cooper or Fennell in the character; so you see a principal character may be miserably performed even on the London stage." This appearance of Hargrave was, however, illustrative of a custom, the breach of which, now-a-days, has become the "observance." In those olden times, each opening season of the patent theatres brought with it a certain number of young actors and actresses from the country, who were allowed to try the town in some leading part. If they succeeded, they at once took a position here, or returned to the greater of the provincial theatres with the muchdesired stamp of metropolitan approval upon them. If they failed, they went back, to work and study for another trial. We have nothing like this now. The custom ceased with Mr. Macready, who brought Anderson from the provinces, and invited G. V. Brooke from Manchester, who was "underlined" for Othello, but was then too timid to tempt fortune.

In after years, when Irving's name was dear to many a reader, who only knew of him that he was the author of the 'Sketch-Book,' he met Mrs. Siddons here in London. The account of the interview shows what a clever actress the astute Sarah was, both on and off the stage:—

"Not long after the 'Sketch-Book' had been published in London, and made its author remarked among its literary circles, he met Mrs. Siddons in some fashionable assemblage, and was brought up to be introduced. The Queen of Tragedy had then long left the stage; but her manner and tones to the last partook of its measured stateliness. The interview was characteristic. As he approached, and was introduced, she looked at him for a moment, and then, in her clear and deep-toned voice, she slowly enunciated 'You've made me Nothing could have been finer than such a compliment from such a source; but the 'accost' was so abrupt, and the manner so peculiar, that never was modest man so completely disconcerted. and put out of countenance. The appropriate response would have been obvious enough at a more collected moment; but taken entirely by surprise, Geoffrey had not a word to say for himself. and very soon took occasion to retreat, and join a group of talkers that were near. After the appearance of his 'Bracebridge Hall' he met her in company again, and was asked by a friend to be presented. He told him he had before gone through that ceremony, but he had been so abashed by her address, and acquitted himself so shabbily, that he was afraid to claim acquaintance. 'Come then with me,' said his friend, 'and I will stand by you;' so he went forward, and, singularly enough, was met with an address of the self-same fashion: 'You've made me weep again.' But now he was prepared, and immediately replied with a complimentary allusion to the melting effect of her own pathos, as realized by himself at the period we have been tracing."

On his return to New York in 1806, with a lock of hair in a golden locket which had been sentimentally conferred on him by the wife of an Italian gentleman, for whom he felt such admiration that he had stolen her pockethandkerchief, Irving worked at literature, dabbled at law, and went up to pass for a barrister:—

"I once heard him illustrate the extent of his professional acquirements at this period by the following anecdote:—Josiah Ogden Hoffman and Martin Wilkins, an effective and witty advocate, had been appointed to examine students for admission. One of them acquitted himself very lamely, and at the supper, which it was the custom for the candidates to give to the examiners when they passed upon their several merits, Hoffman paused in coming to this one, and turning to Wilkins said, as if in hesitation, though all the while intending to admit him, 'Martin, I think he knows a little law.'—'Make it stronger, Jo,' was the reply; 'd—d little'; an emphatic distinction, to which Mr. Irving intimated that he had an unquestionable title."

Of course, the barrister was only nominally so. For awhile he seems to have contemplated politics; but, as he says, "Truly this saving one's country is a nauseous piece of business, and if patriotism is such a dirty virtue, prythee no more of it!" Then came his serious love affair with young Matilda Hoffman, the memory of which was a joy and a pang to him for ever. For her sake he laboured as he had never done before, but he laboured in vain. He was to win by his labour fame and fortune; but Death won the young girl, and Irving never allowed his heart to be moved by love for mortal woman again. The family of the intended bride seems to have borne the loss with more resignation than the lover. Irving had written an epitaph, and on

"May 29th, Mrs. Hoffman writes, in reply to a letter that is lost: 'I admire the inscriptions you wrote—the first I like the best, it is very descriptive of Matilda's character: but you will be disappointed to hear that nothing of that kind can be done; her remains are deposited in the family vault."

Irving now turned to literature, as to a physician who might minister to a mind diseased. To depend upon it for bread,—he had not the courage nor the hopefulness for that. His brothers joined with him in a commercial partnership, in order that he might make of literature a pastime. Therewith, he set all the old Dutch families in America in a state of irritation by

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his comic abuse of solemn historical names in his come agues of solemn historical names in his famous 'History of New York,' by Knicker-bocker. He figures for a brief space as an aide-de-camp in the short war between his country and England; the which being concluded, he came over amongst us, in intention for a season only, but sojourned on this side for a season cury, but sojourned on this side the Atlantic seventeen years. This sojourn affords some pictures of interest. Here are Campbell and Scott in characteristic positions:

"I expressed to Mrs. Campbell my regret 'that her husband did not attempt something on a grand gcale. — 'It is unfortunate for Campbell,' says she, scale.—'It is unfortunate for Campbell,' says she, 'that he lives in the same age with Scott and Byron.' I asked why.—'Oh!' said she, 'they write so much and so rapidly. Now Campbell writes slowly, and it takes him some time to get under-weigh; and just as he has fairly begun, out comes one of their poems, that sets the world agog, and quite daunts him, so that he throws by his pen in despair.' I pointed out the essential difference in their kinds of poetry, and the qualities which insured perpetuity to that of her husband. 'You can't persuade Campbell of that,' said she. 'He is apt to undervalue his own works, and to conis apt to undervalue his own works, and to consider his own little lights put out, whenever they come blazing out with their great torches.' I repeated the conversation to Scott (continues Mr. Irving) some time afterward, and it drew forth a Irving) some time afterward, and it drew forth a characteristic comment. 'Pooh!' said he, good-humouredly, 'how can Campbell mistake the matter so much! Poetry goes by quality, not by bulk. My poems are mere cairngorms, wrought up, perhaps, with a cunning hand, and may pass well in the market as long as cairngorms are the fashion; but they are mere Scotch pebbles, after all; now Tom Campbell's are real diamonds, and diamonds of the first water.'"

When compelled to become an active member of the firm held by the brothers at Liver-pool, trade and its anxieties took all the spirit and power out of him. In 1816-

"there had been 'such a throng of worldly cares hurrying backward and forward through' his mind, that it was 'worn as bare as a market-place,' and he felt too great mental sterility to take hold of his pen. His heart was filled with fresh uneasiness, too, on getting back to Birmingham, and finding it uncertain whether they would be able to surmount their troubles, and work through the stormy season. I must wait here awhile (he writes) stormy season. I must want here awhite (he writes) in a passive state, watching the turn of events, and how our affairs are likely to turn out. My bread is, indeed, 'cast upon the vaters,' and I can only say that I hope to 'find it after many days.' It is not long since I felt myself quite sure of fortune's smiles, and began to entertain what I thought very sober and rational schemes for my future comfort and establishment. At present I feel so tempest-tossed, and weather-beaten, that I shall be content to be quits with fortune for a very moderate portion, and give up all my sober schemes as the dreams of fairyland. His cares and troubles, however, were at all times chiefly occasioned by his apprehensions for his connexions, and the account of the difficulties of his brother Ebenezer had distressed him more than anything else. 'My heart is torn every way,' he writes to his brother William in expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the assistance he was rendering to this brother, 'by anxiety for my relatives. My own individual interests are nothing. The merest pit-tance would content me if I could crawl out from among these troubles and see my connexions safe around me.' Towards the close of the year he seems to have cherished a hope 'that he would still be able to return home, and have wherewithal to shelter him from the storms and buffetings of the uncertain world."

He was saved for literary fame by commercial ruin. The business firm collapsed in bank-ruptcy, and Washington Irving, refusing a Government appointment, sat down with calm in his heart, and began the 'Sketch-Book'— which Murray declined to publish!

better of it, and thence came pleasant conse-

"As I am launched upon the literary world here, I find my opportunities of observation extending. Murray's drawing room is a great resort of firstrate literary characters; whenever I have a leisure hour I go there, and seldom fail to meet with some hour I go there, and seldom fail to meet with some interesting personages. The hours of access are from two to five. It is understood to be a matter of privilege, and that you must have a general invitation from Murray. Here I frequently meet with such personages as Gifford, Campbell, Foscolo, Hallam (author of a work on the Middle Ages), Southey, Milman, Scott, Belzoni, &c. &c. The visitors are men of different politics, though most frequently ministerialists. Gifford, of whom, as an old adversary, you may be curious to know something, is a small, shrivelled, deformed man of about sixty, with something of a humped back, eyes thing, is a small, surveiled, deformed man of about sixty, with something of a humped back, eyes that diverge, and a large mouth. He is generally reclining on one of the sofas, and supporting him-self by the cushions, being very much debilitated. He is mild and courteous in his manners, without He is mild and courteous in his manners, without any of the petulance that you would be apt to expect, and is quite simple, unaffected, and unassuming. Murray tells me that Gifford does not write any full articles for the Review, but revises, modifies, prunes, and prepares whatever is offered; and is very apt to extract the sting from articles that are rather virulent."

This volume closes with full details of the history of the publication of the 'Sketch-Book.' We have, therefore, as yet only the present and pleasant prelude to a world of interest and amusement to come. The promise held out in this first portion of the work is warrant of what may be expected in the succeeding parts; for, saving the one affair of the heart to which we have alluded, the chief interest we have in Washington Irving is connected with the period dating from the time when he proved himself a man among men.

Arne; or, Peasant Life in Norway: a Norwegian Tale. By Bjórnstjerne Björnson. (Trübner & Co.)

It is a piece of good luck to find in these days of rapid intercommunication a work of fiction unknown to the public. It is true that Norway is, in a literary sense, a very remote and unproductive country. We have in England some clever books on its ancient literature; but modern publications, however, seldom come under the pen of the critic. We have the honour to introduce M. Björnson to the English

Since the separation of Norway from Denmark, Norway has striven to take an independent position and command the respect of the old and powerful nations of Europe. The excellent Constitution which she obtained in 1814 placed her amongst the free nations of the world, and from that period she dates her new life. Her long union with and dependence on Denmark, extending over several centuries, kept a once great people in a sort of dull, dreamy state. What Norway is capable of she has shown in the few years that have elapsed since her separation from Denmark, in the rapid improvement of her internal resources for commerce, ship-building, &c. Small as the nation is, it boasts remarkable men in science, art and literature,—though in letters she has hitherto been much influenced by the older and rich literature of her Danish sister. A few writers and poets endeavoured to create a national literature, with indifferent success. It required a man of genius to do this,—and this genius, we think, she has now produced. Bjórnstjerne Björnson is the name of a young writer whose his heart, and began the 'Sketch-Book'— works—a few short stories, some poems and a dramatic work or two—have created an extra-dlbemarle Street subsequently thought ordinary sensation through Scandinavia. From

an obscure publisher in a small town in the north of Norway, his book soon found its way to the right places,—and when it came to the capital of Denmark it caused equal pleasure and astonishment. The feeling between Denmark and Norway has, unfortunately, in later years been less cordial, and a sort of peevish, suspi-cious tone on the side of the Danes and a boastful behaviour on that of the Norwegians has not tended to strengthen the feeling of friendship. tended to strengthen the feeling of friendship. That a book written by a Norwegian, whose subjects, style and dialect (the language generally spoken in Norway is Danish) so thoroughly represent his nation, should immediately have gained unquestionable praise from all Danes and Swedes, speaks strongly for its great in-trinsic merit. But after all it is no wonder. trinsic merit. But after all it is no wonder. We know of nothing more beautiful than some of these stories. What originality, purity and simplicity—what poetry! His heroes are peasants, his heroines peasant-girls; but how happy we feel in their society—how deeply interested in what they say and do! In style, these stories bear a slight resemblance to the old Sagas: the characters described are so true to Sagas; the characters described are so true to nature, so real, that you seem to feel their presence, and fancy them old acquaintances after a few strokes of the pen. With M. Björnson a new era begins in Scandinavian

iterature,—he being not thirty years old yet.
'Arne,' his newest tale, is in more respects than one worthy of our attention: first, as describing manners which present a curious contrast to our own; and, then, because the tale is told with a simplicity and feeling which remind us of the attractive style of Herr Andersen.

On the top of a hill covered with fir, heath, birch and juniper, in a lonely part of Norway, Arne, the hero, was born. His mother's name Arne, the hero, was born. It is mother's name was Margit; and she was the only child of a poor widow, who, we are told, "managed her farm at Kempen like a man," and at this time "owned four cows, sixteen sheep and half a horse." Nils, the tailor, becomes the husband of Margit, and leads her a miserable life, being of districted habits and addicted to district the high and addicted to district the high and addicted to district the second statement. of dissipated habits and addicted to drinking.

The trials of the mother and child are very touchingly described. Arne, who had been his mother's treasure and consolation, was gradually becoming estranged from her by the evil influence and the sneers of his good-for-nothing father. On one occasion, he was induced by the gibes of the latter to mimic his mother's mode of singing, poor Margit being evidently no adept in the art, and her voice suffering moreover from the tearful hoarseness which too often obstructed it. She was deeply hurt and offended at the heartless disrespect evinced in this instance by her boy, but said nothing, took up her work, and went out quietly to another part of the building. Arne was immediately smitten with remorse at his cruelty:-

He threw himself on the ground, wept aloud, and longed to hide himself for ever in the earth. He could not rest, he rose and left the house. Passing by the barn, he there saw his mother sitting making a new shirt of fine cloth for him. It was her usual habit to sing a Psalm while sewing: now, however, she was silent. Then Arne could bear it no longer; he threw himself on the grass at her feet, looked up in her face and sobbed bitterly. Margit left off her sewing, and took his head between her hands. "Poor Arne!" said she, putting her face down to his. He did not attempt to say a word, but wept as he had never wept putting her face down to his. He did not attempt to say a word, but wept as he had never wept before. "I was sure you were good at heart," said she, stroking his head.—"Mother, you must not refuse what I am now going to ask," were the first words he was able to utter.—"You know I never do refuse you," answered she. He tried to stop his tears, and then, with his face still in her

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lap, he stammered out, "Do sing a little for me, mother !"-" That, you know, I cannot," she said, repeated the boy, "or I shall never be able to look you in the face again." She went on stroking his hair, but was silent. "Do sing, do sing, mother dear," he entreated, "or I shall go so far away you will never see me any more." Although now fourteen or fifteen warrs old he law with his bead fourteen or fifteen years old, he lay with his head in his mother's lap, and she began to sing : Lord, take the child in thy strong hand.

She sang some more verses. Arne lay still; a beautiful peace seemed to enter his whole being, and under its soothing influence he slept. The last word that he heard distinctly was "Jesu," it transported him into regions of light, and he fancied that he listened to a chorus of voices, but his mother's voice was clearer than all. Sweeter tones he thought he had never heard, and it seemed to him that he prayed to be allowed to sing in like manner; and then at once he began gently and softly, and still more softly, until his bliss became rapture, his voice grew louder, and then suddenly all disappeared. He awoke, looked about him, listened attentively, but heard nothing but the little rivulet which flowed past the barn with its usual ripple: the mother was gone, but she had placed the half-made shirt and his jacket under his head.

Nils, the tailor, becomes worse and worse, until one night, in a fit of drunken passion, he attempts to strangle his wife. Here occurs a dramatic scene between father and son, which

Scarcely did Nils perceive Margit, before he shouted out, "Do you dare to look up? Ah, you also want to see to what a state you have brought Well, so I look (staring at her), exactly so He rose and went across the room to her. She hid herself under the bed-clothes. "No, do not hide, I am sure to find you," said he, stretching out his right hand and pulling off the bedclothes and pressing his finger on her throat.—
"Father!" said Arne.—" Well, how thin and shrivelled you have become! there is no depth of flesh here." The mother seized his hand with both hers, but was unable to free herself, so they rolled from the bed down on the floor together. "Father!" again said Arne .- "So there is life in you now, is there? Look how she wriggles her body, the ugly thing! Tickle, tickle."—"Father!" repeated Arne, in a loud voice,-and ran to a corner of the room where an axe was standing.
"Is it only out of perverseness that you do not scream?" continued Nils; "but you had better take care: I have got such a funny fancy in my head.— Tickle, tickle."—"Father!" shouted Arne, and seized the axe, but stood nailed to the spot, for at the very same moment his father raised himself from the ground, gave a shriek, cried "Jesu Christ!" and fell down senseless. Arne scarcely knew where he was, and almost expected that a door would burst open and that a strong light would rush in from some unknown quarter. mother then began to breathe heavily as if oppressed by some weight lying upon her. At last she lifted herself up a little, and saw her husband stretched out on the floor and her son standing over him with the axe. "Good Lord! what have you done?" cried she; and, throwing a petticoat around her, she got up and came to her son. Then he recovered the use of his tongue, - "Father fell down I cannot believe you," cried the mother reproachfully.—"Now Christ forgive you;" and she threw herself on the body in great grief. But the boy was now out of his stupor, and knelt down. "As true as I expect grace from God, he fell as he stood. I had almost thought of doing it."-"Then has the Lord been here himself," she said softly, sat down on the floor and gazed at the corpse.

The lonely life of the widowed mother and her son are then described, intermingled with sketches of Northern scenery and the interior of a parson's ménage, reminding us here and there of some pretty household scenes in 'The Amber Witch.' Arne falls in love, and his courtshin Arne falls in love, and his courtship

is as strange as his life has been. After a touching interlude in a cavern, too long to be quoted here, where the mother is found weeping over a dead body, Arne marries and becomes a wealthy farmer.

The incidents in this tale are few; and those, therefore, who look for a regular plot will be disappointed. We recommend the book for the insight it gives into peasant life in Norway, and for the singularity and pathos of the narrative, which oblige the reader when once he has taken it up to read to the end. We should be glad to see an English translation of this little volume.

#### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

The Lessons of my Farm: a Book for Amateur Agriculturists, &c. By Robert Scott Burn. (Lockwood & Co.)—A very useful little book, written in the lively style which will attract the amateur class to whom it is dedicated. Its contents relate to Plants, their cultivation and their produce; Implements used in the culture of plants, and Manures; and there are chapters on live stock, the dairy, poultry, &c. The dish thus laid before the reader is, perhaps, too much overlaid with the garnishing. There are too many pages with the garnishing. There are too many page of the book in the style of the opening sentences; "Of the ever-new and ever-changing pleasures of a country life, I know of none so delightful as rambling through your own fields-tiny as they may be thought by the big farmer of the day watching the progress of the crops which they bear, or sharing in the labour by which these are productive. Even in dreary winter-time the pleasure is not despisable." The dish contains, however, also well-chosen and substantial food. The book contains much sound advice and accurate description. Enough is given of the average conclusions of ordinary agricultural experience to make its information trustworthy. And there is quite sufficient also of the special and exceptional—many of its pages being devoted to descriptions of the "hobby" in all the many forms in which that commonly domesticated animal is known in the agricultural world. In this latter particular Mr. Scott Burn's book resembles all that are addressed to unprofessional readers: it differs favourably, however, from its rivals and companions in this class-in due prominence being given to the rules and results of common farm practice, and espe-cially in the honesty which tells its readers that the pleasure which they may derive from carrying out its instructions will be paid for at a somewhat high rate. The author has had experience enough to learn, and is honest enough to say that pleasures of no ordinary kind are derivable from the possession of a 'play-farm,' profits of the highly satisfactory golden-coloured kind, so much written about lately, are not quite so easily extracted from them. The fields of our amateur's farm are somehow or other more remarkable for their absorptive than their productive qualities.' "In short, if amateur farming is taken up only with the view of making money by it, it had better be let alone. For, as the work of the amateur farm must be done, in nine cases out of ten, by hired labour, little profit will result. Let it satisfy the amateur farmer if he makes ends meet; and do not even let him grumble if he pays some 101. or 201, a-year more for his farm than he would do otherwise for a house alone. The truth is, that the health derivable, and the pleasures, too, from the fields of a pet farm, are worth a good deal.

Men will spend money some way, and I know none more productive of real satisfaction—moral as well as physical-than farming a 'wee bit land.' Putting all things together, amateur farming does pay, though not always in the pecuniary sense." A monthly calendar of farm operations is given in an appendix; and the book is sufficiently illustrated with engravings of implements, plants, and animals.

Château Frissae; or, Home Scenes in France. By Chroniqueuse. (Tinsley Brothers)—This tale must have tested the Italic type of its printers severely; containing as it does an assortment of French ejacula-

tions and phrases, rich and delicate enough to rejoice the heart of a Mrs. Wittitterly, and other sentimental readers of her class, who fancy there is a rare sweet. ness and evidence of aristocratic refinement in the use of foreign words and phrases. To ourselves, such affectation is more oppressive in books than it is even when it is encountered in society. When will it be understood that the English language is, really, capable of expressing most, if not all, senti-ments—and of describing most, if not all, real or imaginative scenes? When will the polyglott style be handed over to grooms of the chamber, intent on producing fashionable novels-and to the milliner's apprentice who could not strike terror into the hearts of Lady Pentweazle and her cousins, if she did not treat them to wonderful phrases in an un. known tongue? The tale is not ill meant: being intended to illustrate how the system of making up marriages in France works for the happiness and domestic comfort of those concerned. It is obvious that the writer knows her subject, and some of her scenes are sprightly enough; even though they be written in that French-English which we desire to discountenance.

Will-o'-the-Wisps; or, Lights and Sprites. Translated from the German, by Lady Maxwell Wallace, (Bell & Daldy.)—The Germans assuredly excel us in tales of this kind. Let the reader take this one how he will-whether as an allegory, or merely as a fancy piece,—the quaintness and freshness of the story will enchain him till the end of it is reached,

On the History of Greek Literature in England, from the Earliest Times to the End of the Reign of James the First. By Sir George Young, B.A. (Macmillan & Co.)—This is an essay which gained the Le Bas prize in 1861. It is creditable as a prize essay, and the later period is worthy of attention: but the earlier history is too ambitiously treated. It is the fault of all these prize essays that the subjects are too wide, and invite that gene-rality for which youthful learning has not enough of particulars. If those who assign the subjects would take narrower ground, such as might exercise young writers in bringing all their research to bear upon a special point, these prizes might be made more useful. The progress of Greek in England in and about the time of Erasmus would have

been a good subject.

The Cambridge Year-Book and University Almanack for 1862. By W. White. (Macmillan & Co.)— This is more confined to the current year than the Cambridge Calendar, and for many persons will be

found more useful.

The Student's Manual of the English Langua Lectures on the English Language. By G. P. Marsh. W. Smith, LL. D. (Murray.)—English Retraced; or, Remarks, Critical and Philological, founded on a Comparison of the Breeches Bible with the English of Comparison of the Breeches Bible with the English of Comparison of the Breeches Bible with the English of Comparison of the Breeches Bible with the English of Comparison of the Breeches Bible with the English of Comparison of the Breeches Bible with the English of Comparison of the Breeches Bible with the English of Comparison of the Comparison Dr. Smith has edited is one of real and acknowledged merit, and likely to meet with a wider reception from his hands than in its original form. has substituted for Mr. Marsh's two introductory chapters, two of his own, containing a compact yet distinct summary of what is to be found in the best writers, on the origin, affinities and elements of the English language. Throughout the rest of the work, he has simply performed the duties of editor, omitting and correcting as he thought desirable, and adding materials in the shape of notes and illustrations. It appears he had projected and commenced a work on the history of the English language in conjunction with the late Dr. Donaldson, so that he was the better prepared for the task he has now executed. Much curious and useful information is given at the end of different lectures, including interesting philological remarks culled from various sources, portions of Anglo-Saxon grammar, and explanations of prefixes and affixes, besides illustrative passages from old writers, which are footnotes in Mr. Marsh's work. On the whole, we may say, Dr. Smith's editorial skill has been worthily employed in producing a manual of great utility. Of 'English Retraced' there is little to be said; except that it is rather a heterogeneous collection of not very valuable observations upon particular points and words in our language, suggested and illustrated by passages taken at random from the

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Geneva version of the Bible, as well as from other old English writings. The author is an admirer, and in some sort a copyist, of Horne Tooke, where name he often mis-spelle Took.

A Hebrew Grammar, with Exercises. By M. M. Kalisch, Ph.D. M.A. (Longman & Co.)—In this first part or volume, Dr. Kalisch gives the broad outlines of the language, leaving all niceties and minute details to be discussed in a second volume, minute details to be discussed in a second volume, which is in the press. As a practical introduction to the study of Hebrew, the present instalment possesses the advantages of being systematic, progressive, and abundantly illustrated by exercises. Our only fear is, that few students will have the patience to work their way through such a mass of exercises, many of them consisting of isolated words. We think the plan pursued in chrestomathies, of giving easy selections from the Old Testament, with notes and references to explain the parsing, at once more interesting and more improving. Dr. Kalisch is ambitious enough to think proving. Dr. Kalisch is ambitious enough to think that the study of Hebrew, with his Grammar, may be attended with the same advantages of mental be attended with the same advantages of mental discipline as are to be derived from that of the classical languages. He says his arrangement will be found "to partake, in some measure, of the strictness of mathematical sequence; a method of treatment, of which the wonderful consistency of the Hebrew tongue admits in an unusual degree." To this we cannot but demur. We hold it little less than absurd to put Hebrew on a par with Greek and Latin, as an instrument of intellectual training. In the classical languages—particularly the Greek—the nicest shades of thought may be expressed by means of the ample apparatus of cases, moods and means of the ample apparatus of cases, moods and tenses; while Hebrew is remarkable for its rudeness and imperfection, the same form being em-ployed to denote many quite different ideas, so that it is often a matter of no small difficulty to determine which is intended, even with the assistance of the context. Thus Dr. Kalisch himself tells us the simple future tense is used to express no less than fourteen distinct notions; while, when it is preceded by the vau conversive, it means sometimes the simple past, sometimes the pluperfect, sometimes the present, and sometimes the future. There is no question, that whoever can prevail upon himself to plod carefully through Dr. Kalisch's Grammar will not be afterwards troubled with many difficulties in reading Hebrew.

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Of miscellaneous pamphlets we have to announce:

—The Health of the Royal Navy Considered, in a Letter to the Right Hon. S. Pakington, by Dr. Gavin Milroy (Hardwicke),—A Few Observations upon the Bill introduced by the Lord Chancellor entitled 'A Bill to Facilitate the Proof of Title to, and the Consequence of, Real Estates, by Rupert Potter (Draper),

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#### EARLY ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Maidenhead, April 19, 1862.

THE increased and increasing facilities afforded by the Post Office for the transmission of what are technically called *proofs*, as well as of tracts and books, which are often the results of those *proofs*, give me an opportunity of renewing a project of mine, partially carried into execution many years ago. The Shakespeare Society was, at that time, in existence, and it was not usually necessary for me to resort to parcels and packets, then of expensive carriage, because the Council and other members received what I had to send in the usual course received what I had to send in the usual course with their regular publications. As soon as this body was dissolved, my project dropped to the ground. That project was carefully to reprint old unique or excessively rare tracts and poems, and to furnish the reprints to those who wished for them exactly at the mere cost of paper and typothem exactly at the mere cost of paper and typography, not even including the expense of transcripts; these and my own trouble as editor were gratuitously given, being well satisfied with the notion of the service, however small, thus rendered to the early literature of our country.

dered to the early literature of our country. Upon this plan, among a few other pieces that have escaped my memory, I produced the following: 'The pityfull Historie of two loving Italians, Gaulfrido and Bernardo'; a unique poem, until then only known by an entry of it in the Registers of the Stationers' Company, from which Malone incorrectly inferred that it related to the story of 'Romeo and Juliet.' It was printed in 1570 for

Henry Binneman. 'A Dialogue bytwene the Commune Secretary and Jalowsye, touchinge the Unstablenes of Har-lottes.' Only two copies of this singular and amusing production have come down to us; but it was printed by John Kynge, of Creed Lane, between the years 1550 and 1561. It is obviously not a translation, but an original poem by some unknown humourist.

unknown humourist.

'The Prayse of Nothing, by E. D. Imprinted at London in Fleate-streate, beneath the Conduite, at the signe of the S. John, Evangelist, by H. Jackson, 1585. This paradoxical burlesque we are authorized in imputing to Sir Edward Dyer, the friend and companion of Sir Philip Sydney and Spenser. The main body of the tract is prose, but it is remarkable for containing a poem in blank verse, one of the earliest specimens of the kind anterior to Milton. The production is entirely unique, and it is not, I believe, even mentioned by biblio-

graphical antiquaries.

These were reprinted in black letter upon very substantial paper, and when half bound were, if I

recollect rightly, delivered to such as wished to reconect rightly, derivered to such as wished to possess them at a cost never exceeding eight or ten shillings each. Considering that in no case more than twenty-five copies were struck off, this will hardly seem an unreasonable charge.

But in future I mean to carry on the plan even more cheaply: print and paper are not so dear as they were, postage and carriage cost comparatively little, and payments can be made, as the books are delivered, by post-office order, or even in stamps, when the sum is (as it often will be) inconsiderable. Thus, by having only twenty-five copies thrown off, I shall be able to preserve productions of great curiosity and rarity from the chance of destruction; curiosity and rarity from the chance of destruction; while, at the same time, I do not make the re-impressions so common that they can be purchased at every shop, or exposed upon every stall.

Besides claiming to be deemed quite disinterested in the undertaking, I shall necessarily require confidence to be placed in me as to the tracts (includ-

ing rare voyages and travels) and poems (including sometimes dramatic productions) to be reprinted, and as to the money to be expended. I have devoted a long life to pursu'ts of the kind, and I know the pecuniary, as well as the intrinsic, value of most of the early specimens of our literature; if I reproduce anything which may be thought not worth the few shillings required for it, any gentleman will be at full liberty, upon notice, to withdraw. I intend our little association of twenty-five members to be considered merely a reprinting club, members to be considered merely a reprinting club, and I request those who feel disposed to belong to it to forward their names to me here, with this condition, that as soon as they receive a book they will remit to me the sum charged for it, either in postage-stamps or by a post-office order. As I mean to do everything in the cheapest manner that is consistent with respectability of appearance and representability of appearance and representability. everything in the cheapest manner that is consistent with respectability of appearance and permanence, of course it will be impossible to give credit, and any subscriber to my scheme who neglects payment for one book cannot expect to receive the next. I calculate that, in the course of the year, I shall be able to furnish from four to six curious reprints, for the accuracy of which I make myself responsible. I propose, for the sake of uniformity, that the whole shall be in small quarto, which will usually be the size in which the tracts originally appeared. Where they are broadsides or ballads, of which I the reign of Queen Mary, they will, of course, be reduced to the compass of the page. To manuscripts I may now and then, though very rarely,

Gentlemen will therefore only have to take the trouble of writing to me with full and exact addresses, and as they come in I will insert them in my list. I profess to render no accounts, and shall pay for everything in ready money.

J. PAYNE COLLIER.

#### BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY.

April 23, 1862. Ir the Haran controversy had no other results than to have eliminated the valuable communica-tion made by Sir Henry Rawlinson to the Athe-næum, it would have amply repaid its discussion. All Biblical geographers are aware that Sir Henry has introduced, by his decipherment of the Cuneiform Inscriptions, totally new elements into the inquiry; and everything he contributes to our knowledge of localities cannot but be hailed with the deepest interest.

It is with great diffidence, then, that I venture to demur to one or two opinions emitted by so high an authority; but I am encouraged to do so by the feeling that with an inquirer of that stamp we shall neither get into the regions of hypothesis on the one hand, or those of mere dogmas on the other.

Admitting, then, the site of Haran and of Gozan (previously identified with a river of Media) to be determined, it is not made clear why Rezeph should be supposed to have occupied the after site of Edessa. We have two sites in Mesopotamia in which some traces of the name are to be met with: Risina, situated, according to Ptolemy, between Edessa and Mount Masius; and Resaina, or Rhe-sena, a town of considerable importance, now Ras al Ain.

Calno, again, has been identified by General

Chesney ('Exp. for Survey of Riv. Eup. and Tigris,' vol. i. p. 52) with a site on the left bank of the Khabur, at the embouchure of that river in the Rhabur, it the embodenare of that river in the Euphrates, and opposite to Karkisiya, hitherto sup-posed to be the site of Carchemish, and afterwards the Roman stronghold of Circesium. There can be no question as to the site of the latter, which is described by Ammianus and by Procopius as being situated at the mouth of the river Khabur; and as to the latter, Smith's 'Dictionary of Greek and Roman Geography, summing up the received opinions upon the subject, says,—"There is every reason to believe that Circesium represents the place mentioned in the Bible under the name of Carchemish. Carchemish is, however, to be identified with Mabog, from the Syrian version of the Bible establishing that identity, where are we to seek for Calno! -at Kara Bambuch, or the ruined port of Bambyce, on the Euphrates? The identification seems, how-ever, to be unsatisfactory; for it is strange that a of so much importance as Bambyce, Mabog (or Magog, in Pliny), Hierapolis, and probably Ninus Vetus of Ammianus, should have been without a vestige of the other olden name given to it by the Syriac version.

I am quite ready to admit Sir Henry Rawlin-son's novel identification of Eden with Bit-Adin and Seruj; but I cannot reconcile with this view of the case his subsequent statement, that the Abrahamic traditions and the "resuscitation" of the name of Seruj were "inventions" of the fathers

of the Syrian Church.

Conceding to Sir Henry his identification of Mugheir or Huri with Ur of the Chaldees, still Abraham went from Ur to Haran before going to Canaan (compare Gen. xi. 31 with Acts vii. 2, 4): wherefore, then, may not the traditions in reference to Seruj be as old as those that refer of Haran: We found such traditions independent of Urfah, Haran or Seruj—afterwards Eden, Bit-Adin and Batne—on the Euphrates, where they point out the place of the passage of Abraham to Zobah. to Haran? We found such traditions independent

But the whole reading of the two Biblical records, that in the Old and that in the New Testament, can with difficulty be brought to coincide with Sir Henry Rawlinson's views of the Canaanite emigration founded upon the Inscriptions. Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. This, according to the Acts, was in Mesopotamia, which, however it might be made to include Chaldesa, could scarcely also be made to comprise Ibr, or the Arabian bank or shore. Terah died in Haran, after the emigra-tion thither from Ur. Now, is it likely, if Terah and his sons were living at Hur or Hun of the Inscriptions, that a town would have been founded in Terah's lifetime, by his own son, and bearing that son's name, 500 miles, as the crow flies, from where he (Haran) lived and died?

The preservation of a second patriarchal name in that of Seruj with Haran, lends, it is to be observed, further strength to the identification of the tract in which Urfah is placed with the land of the Chaldees in the time of Abraham.

Sir Henry Rawlinson, after telling us that the Abrahamic Chaldæans were Aramæan Ibrai, Ibri, or Hebrews dwelling on the right bank or shore of the Euphrates—a new and important addition to pri-mæval Biblical literature—says that the Chaldeeans never approached within 500 miles of Urfah or the cities of northern Mesopotamia. But if Sir Henry admits the site of Haran, he must also admit that the Chaldmans or Aramman Ibrai went there at the time of the Abrahamite emigration, even if he will not admit that Haran was nigh to Ur of the Chaldees. I cannot see how this fact is to be got W. F. AINSWORTH.

### KAULBACH'S PERIOD OF THE REFORMATION.

A new cartoon by Kaulbach, for the grand staircase of the Museum in Berlin, is an event in itself-the more so when it is a work in the artist's best manner, showing all his marvellous power in its highest development. To my mind, Kaulbach has never chosen his subject better: his interest in things is chiefly intellectual, and this is an intellectual picture; there is no arbitrary grouping, no

emotion manqué—nothing but clearness and a thorough understanding of the subject. The secret of this success is clear to all save German painters, and need only be stated for their benefit. sympathize with the people of the Reformation; they are our heroes, our ancestors, our immediate We know that they existed, and we are every day reaping the fruit of their works. But what affinity have we with Greeks and Romans—with the patchwork 'Troy' of Cornelius, or Overbeck's attempts to render Raphael a Pre-Raphaelite?

I will briefly sketch the plan of the cartoon as it exists in little, before I mention the figures already finished on the larger scale. The arrangement is somewhat borrowed from the School of Athens, which, I presume, is unavoidable. In the centre of all, the figure from which and to which everything radiates, stands Luther, holding up, at the stretch of his arms, the open Bible. On each side of him the work and teaching of Protestantism proceed; communion is given in both kinds, and the Word is expounded. Below him, in the foreground, are two groups of scientific and literary ground, are two groups of scientific and negarity celebrities—among them Hans Sachs, whose pos-ture carries out the resemblance to the School of Athens a little too far by reminding us of Dio-genes. These groups comprise the chief characters of the time as above are the principal Protestant teachers. In the literary group are Shakspeare, Cervantes, Erasmus, Petrarch; in the scientific group, Columbus, Bacon and others. It will be interesting to English readers to hear that Queen Elizabeth has also a place in the upper part of the

My description of the general appearance of the cartoon must necessarily be fragmentary, as so little is yet finished or apparently decided on. But the two groups in the immediate foreground are sufficiently advanced to give an idea of the rest, and there is much matter for discussion connected with them. The power and majesty of the figures and faces can hardly be overpraised. I know of no other word but stupendous to give to the representation of Columbus. He stands like a pillar of the world, towering far above all who surround him, in a posture of self-sustained majesty, his hand resting on that part of the globe which he has rescued from nothingness, though his wrists are fettered. But the grandeur of his look is beyond even his posture. His forehead rises in a mass of power, transcending in height the highest foreheads which we know, and stamped with a resolution—a command—in every line and feature. I know not if any authentic portrait exists from which this idea is taken; or if so, how far the painter has improved on his model. But I think there can be no doubt of the power of the representation, be it authentic or purely imaginary. For the glory of England it may be added, that just behind Columbus stands Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood; below him, in the foreground, Francis Bacon.

But, I imagine, the point which will chiefly touch the English—nor the English alone—is the portrait of Shakspeare; and I foresee discussions arising out of this question as warm as out of the risming out or this question as warm as out of the 'Sonnets.' Just at this moment, when every week brings fresh material about Shakspeare, from France as well as from Germany and England, it may be interesting to describe Kaulbach's innovation on the familiar portrait. He has preserved faithfully enough the general expression of Shakspeare, though not one feature is the same as we are accustomed to see it. The upper lip is very much shortened, and the nose is lengthened; the forehead preserves its height, but takes quite a new form; a fire and animation are given to the face which are altogether wanting in the Stratford bust and the older portraits. The painter refuses flatly to accept the Stratford bust as a correct representation of Shakspeare; he denies that 'King ear' could have come from such a face, and argues that it is his duty rather to convey the genius of the poet than to reproduce a dead set of features. The result is, that we have here such a Shakspeare as we could wish to have—a study for genius and force, animation bursting out at every pore, in the firm grip of the clenched hand and the firm set of

the under thigh. Humanity generally will feel flattered by the portrait; but what will the commentators say? Some one discovered, in the 'Sonnets,' that Shakspeare was lame,—which

Sonnets, that Shakspeare was lame, which would render the powerful legs rather equivocal.

Lovers of coincidence will remark that idealism has been more boldly practised on living poets.

Dannecker gave Schiller a large forehead, to which he had no claim, and Mr. Lewes had to compare skull and bust in order to reduce the forehead to its right dimensions. Lavater would not believe at first that Goethe was Goethe, having counted on a different cast of features. In these cases, of course, there was no excuse for departure; but course, there was no excuse not the same certainty.

E. W.

#### OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

Mr. Tennyson's new cantata, for which Prof. Bennett has composed the music, and which will be sung at the opening of the International Exhibition on Thursday next, runs thus :-

Uplift a thousand voices full and sweet, In this wide hall with earth's inventions stored, And praise th' invisible universal Lord, Who lets once more in peace the nations meet, Where Science, Art and Labour have outpour'd Their myriad horns of plenty at our feet.

O, silent father of our Kings to be, Mourn'd in this golden hour of jubilee, For this, for all, we weep our thanks to thee!

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The world-compelling plan was thine,
And, lo! the long laborious miles
of Palace; lo! the giant aisles,
Rich in model and design;
Harvest-tool and husbandry,
Loom and wheel and engin!ry,
Secrets of the sullen mine,
Steel and gold, and corn and wine,
Fabric rough, or Fairy fine. Steel and gold, and corn and wine, Fabric rough, or Fairy fine, Sunny tokens of the Line, Polar marvels, and a feast Of wonder, out of West and East, And shapes and hues of Part divine! All of beauty, all of use, That one fair planet can produce, Brought from under every star, Blown from over every resistar, Brought from under every star, Blown from over every main, And mixt, as life is mixt with pain, The works of peace with works of war.

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O ye, the wise who think, the wise who reign,
From growing commerce loose her latest chain,
And let the fair white-winged peacemaker fly
To happy havens under all the sky,
And mix the seasons and the golden hours,
Till each man find his own in all men's good,
And all men work in noble brotherhood,
Breaking their mailed fleets and armed towers,
And ruling by obeying Nature's powers,
And gathering all the fruits of peace and crown'd with all
her flowers.

A monolith of due size and beauty is found to be unattainable; and on the recommendation of the four advisers, Her Majesty has abandoned that form of memorial. The Queen, however, has given her four advisers authority to consider "the possibility of finding some other mode in which the great object in view may be most satisfactorily effected." General Grev remode. General Grey remarks-"Her Majesty's wish is to leave the Committee quite free to recom mend whatever may appear to them to afford the best hope of a satisfactory result; and she would merely throw out as a suggestion whether the opinions of some of the foremost architects of the day might not be advantageously taken as to the means of combining the groups of statuary men-tioned in my letter to the Lord Mayor (among which, of course, a statue of the Prince would be prominent) with some other design." The task of the Committee is now more onerous than ever. The means are limited, the public expectations unlimited. We commiserate their position, and wish them every success.

A Special Committee in aid of the Albert Fund has been appointed by a meeting held at the Society of Arts. The Marquis of Salisbury occupied the chair; and an executive body, consisting of Lord Henry Lennox, M.P., the Hon. O. Kinnaird, M.P., the Hon. E. Byng, Sir T. Phillips, Count P. de Strzelecki, the Chaplain-General, the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, the Rev. S. Martin, W. H. Bodkin, Henry Cole, and W. H. Marsh, was named by the meeting. The object is to reach those classes of the community who will otherwise have no opportunity of joining in the national

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subscription; and it is proposed to reach these classes through the parochial clergy, the local gentry, the employers of labour and the conductors of Sunday Schools. There can be no objection tors of Sunday Schools. There can be no objection to such a course. Many a poor man will covet the luxury of subscribing his mite to Albert the Good; and the machinery which enables him to do so quietly and easily should have the assistance of every one who can help to make it more

Prof. Kölliker, of Wurtzburg, is to read a paper at the Royal Society on Thursday next, 'On the Terminations of the Nerves in Muscles.'

On the 1st of May a new postage-stamp will be issued from the Government offices, denoting a threepenny rate of postage. This stamp will be of great service, especially in reference to newspapers great and other journals transmitted to India, &c., vid Marseilles. The necessity for this stamp was sub-mitted to the Government in the year 1856; in mitted to the Government in the year 1856; in the year following, authority was given to the Board of Inland Revenue to prepare it. Why there should have been a delay of five years in respect to its issue we are at a loss to understand.

We hear that a new daily metropolitan newspaper, of the cheap class, is about to appear, under the editorship of Mr. Horace St. John.

The wonderful oil-wells in Pennsylvania, to which The wonderful oil-wells in Pennsylvania, to which we lately alluded, are rivalled, if not surpassed, in their producing qualities by those in Canada. According to the latest accounts, the outpouring of these appear to be almost illimitable. One, rising from a depth of 234 feet, yields 1,000 gallons of petroleum hourly; and another has poured forth 70,000 gallons daily since the 16th of January last.

The following is the additional space recom-mended by the Committee on the British Museum to be given to the various departments in that to be given to the various departments in that establishment:—Printed Books, present space, 117,746 square feet; additional space, 17,803: Manuscripts, 13,178—3,430; Antiquities, 91,784—67,692; Coins and Medals, 2,950—4,950; Prints and Drawings, 2,600—5,554; Offices, 6,724—3,626; Ending, 4,539—3,221. By the additional space to the department of Printed Books, accommodation would be provided for 200,000 more volumes.

This week, the Ordinance of the Scottish Universiy Commissioners regulating the class fees and gaduation fees in the University of Aberdeen was abhished. The class fees to be paid for the future by students in the Faculty of Arts will be, for the by students in the Faculty of Arts will be, for the Course of English Literature, a fee of one guinea; ad (with certain prvoisees) for each of the other classes, a fee of three guineas. A candidate for the degree of M.A. will pay a fee of one guinea in respect of each of these three divisions in examination for graduation without honours; and no further fee than this three guineas will in future be payable by any candidate in respect of examination for the degree, whether with or without honours. The ordinance further provides that no bursar shall in future be exempted from the payment of any fees payable by other students in the University.

The annual dinner of the Printers' Pension

The annual dinner of the Printers' Pension Society will be held on Wednesday next. Lord Stanley will take the chair.

The modern title to eminence is to give a name to something useful. "Gibbon," says Mr. Bagebot in his Essays, "still retains a fame unaccorded to any other historian: they speak of the Hôtel Gibbon; there never was even an Estaminet Tacitus or a Café Thucydides." And this sort of fame has just the state of the total the state of the control of the c been refused by Munich to her chief philosopher. berhouse-keeper wished to call his place by the same of Schelling; but the magistrate refused him the permission, saying that it was not meet that the name of Schelling should be coupled with a

Heralds and genealogists will have a rare feast at the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries on the 2nd of next month. The Council of the Society Pupose to collect on that evening all the finest specimens of heraldic blazonry and curious genealogical tables, grants of arms, &c., that can be procured. Art will there appear under the deepest tinges of conventionality, but there is still reason to

believe that the exhibition will be one of very general interest. Royalty and most of the noblest families have promised contributions; and those who have seen the illuminations and embroideries in some of their baronial halls will readily imagine that brightness of colour, quaintness of form and in some of their baronial halls will readily imagine that brightness of colour, quaintness of form and varieties of pattern will not be wanting. The City Companies will also be among the leading contributors. Mr. J. J. Howard has undertaken the chief selection and arrangement of these varied materials, many of which belong to a very early

We place the following statement before our Correspondent, Dr. Seemann:—

"Pônt-y-Pool, April 21, 1862. " Permit me to call the attention of Mr. See-"Permit me to call the attention of Mr. Seemann to an inaccuracy in his letter upon the nearest route to Australia. Mr. Pym states that the present time is never less than fifty-five days. In the Australian papers I have received by the last mail, the times are given as follows:—English mail of November, 1860, 46 days; December, 1860, 50 November, 1860, 46 days; December, 1860, 50 days; January, 1861, 48 days; February, 46 days; March, 44 days; April, 43 days; May, 43 days; June, 44 days; July, supplementary mail, 44 days; August, 43 days; September, 49 days; October, 54 days (the intercolonial steamer having broken down); November, 46 days (the December mail had not arrived on the 24th of February, the date of the paper); the average being a little above 45 days (leaving out the October mail). The quickness of communicating with the mothercountry is discussed very seriously and earnestly by them; and as the solution of the American difficulty had not arrived, they were in anxious ficulty had not arrived, they were in anxious expectation whether the first news of the expected rupture between Great Britain and the United States would not be brought to them by a privateer from San Francisco. It may as well be mentioned that the whole coast from Brisbane to Adelaide is now connected by telegraph, in regular working order from the 20th of February. Another item of news interesting to this country is the state-ment that a ship (the Neptune's Bride) was freighted at Adelaide with flour for England. It was expected that a fair trade may be done in breadstuffs, and that the prices will be remunerative.

"JAMES BLADON."

It has been officially announced at St. Petersburg that the Russian Government have sanctioned the establishment of a magnetic and meteorological observatory at Pekin.

The second volume of the description of the Austrian Novara Expedition, by Dr. Karl Scherzer, has appeared, and contains a variety of interesting matter, among which the stay of the expedition at Java during twenty-four days stands foremost. The Dutch government has lately made great efforts to promote the cultivation of the soil on the islands in the Indian Archipelago. It has recently sent an expedition expressly to examine the qualifications of the different isles for the prothe quantications of the different isles for the produce of cotton, and increase of the coffee, sugar and rice plantations. The Novara travellers testify to this, and mention especially the wide extent of the officinal cinchona plantations, under the direction and care of Dr. Junghuhn, a German geologist living at Lebang, in the service of the Dutch government. This gentleman began his experiments with the cinchona-tree only a few years are and his results are such that he been seen ago; and his results are such that he hopes soon to have 80,000 young trees, if the seed will ripen well. These plantations are at a height from the level of the sea of 4,400 to 7,000 feet. The temperate climate of these Java hills seems to agree well with several species of this wonderful tree, which yields the most effective of medicines yet known, and the very existence of which was placed in jeopardy by the careless and wanton destruction of the trees in South America. This

French papers from any similarity with his own.

The want of a central capital is felt as much in the press as it is in the conduct of political affairs.

The Viennese papers naturally devote themselves to Austria, and the Berlin papers to Prussia, and thus secure themselves a source of interest and sympathy that would fail them if they aimed at an impartial representation of Germany. Nothing is more observable in the German press than the vestry tone which attends limited political bodies. One has merely to imagine an English provincial paper if communications with London were cut off, and the editor was thrown on the resources of the country, to realize German newspapers generally; and in many cases it is only the scientific, literary, artistic merit that entitles them to rank literary, artistic ment that entities them to rank above mediocrity. The art of leader-writing is not understood in Germany: long-winded essays, in every sense exhaustive, are substituted for the short, sharp leaders which give a tone to the London papers. The fatal habit of dividing such essays into two, or even three, is the natural result of their length; and no mortal being can be expected to read such articles with profit, when the space of six is devoted to one, that one being spread over three mornings. The chief point that strikes space of six is deviced.

Space of six is deviced to the newspapers in Bavaria is, that the best ones are published in the provincial towns, and the capital has no adequate representative. The Allgemeine Zeitung, which at least has the best claim to universality in Germany, is published in Augsburg, and the Nürnberger Korrespondent in Nuremberg. Till the year 1860 there was no newspaper in Munich that was worthy of mention; and the foundation of a really good paper in that year was not much appreciated, as or memon; and the foundation of a really good paper in that year was not much appreciated, as the new journal was the organ of a party which has very small hold on Bavaria. Now, however, an attempt has been made to give Munich a higher attempt has been made to give Mumen a higher rank in the world of journalism. Last week a new paper appeared as the organ of the govern-ment, which is in all points to state the opinions of the government,—to represent the nation as well as the capital, &c. The name of this paper well as the capital, &c. The name of this paper is the Bayerische Zeitung; it has grown out of a semi-official paper which was called the Neue Münchener Zeitung, which was established in 1848, and grew out of another paper that had been founded in 1805. Thus the new journal has no lack of ancestry, and its owners have been careful to provide it with sponsors. At present, however, the child seems a little too much like its mother; nor does the full expression of the sentiments of the Bayerian Government seem to eyec! ments of the Bavarian Government seem to excel their half expression in meaning or in elegance. The tone of the press in Munich was certainly in need of being raised. Of the eight daily newspapers published there, only four could be said to occupy themselves with politics; and of those four only two were acceptable to general readers. Most of the papers were intended for the least educated classes of the people, and were apparently compounded with the aid of paste and scissors from their contemporaries. The most widely circulated journal in Munich is the Neueste Nachrichten, a valuable study to a philosophical observer of the manners and customs of the place, but on no other ground worthy of being counted in the Fourth Estate. Three other papers of the same calibre ments of the Bavarian Government seem to excel Estate. Three other papers of the same calibre stand next in rank, all of them purely local; then come two papers which have some original matter, though in one it is colourless and in the other rabid. The latter of these is well known throughout Geryet known, and the very existence of which was placed in jeopardy by the careless and wanton destruction of the trees in South America. This important plantation, no doubt, will flourish under the management of Dr. Junghuhn, who is well acquainted with the nature of the soil on the mountains of Java, having examined, surveyed and described forty-five of its volcanos, some of them extinct, some in full activity. Dr. Hochstetter climbed the volcano Gedeh, examining the old crater as well as the newly-formed, which was in

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BRITISH INSTITUTION, Pall Mall.—The GALLERY for the EXHIBITION and SALE of the WORKS of BRITISH ARTISTS is OPEN DAILY from Ten till Five, and WILL CLOSE on SATURDAY, the 10th of May.—Admission 1s. Cata-logue, 6d. —GEORGE NICOL, Secretary.

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THE DERBY DAY, by W. P. FRITH, R.A., is NOW ON VIEW at the UPPER GALLERY, 130, Pall Mall.—Admission, 1a. which will also admit to the French Exhibition.

FRITH'S new Picture, THE RAILWAY STATION, is NOW ON VIEW, daily, to the Public, at the Fine-Art Gallery, 7, Haymarket, next door to the Theatre, between the hours of Ten and Five.—Admission, One Shilling. Saturdays, Half-a-Crown—In compliance with numerous applications, it has been arranged that,

HOLMAN HUNT'S great Picture, THE FINDING OF THE SAVIOUR IN THE TEMPLE, commenced in Jerusalem in 1864, is NOW ON VIEW at the GERMAN GALLERY, 188, New Bond Street.—Admission, 1s.

The celebrated Pictures from the Collection of the late T. E. Plint, Esq., of Leeds; The Carpenter's Shop, by J. E. Millais, A.R.A.; The Welcome Arrival and Nearing Home, by J. D. Luard, are NOW ON VIEW at Messrs. Moore, M Queen & Co. 's, 36, Berners Street.—Admission on presentation of private address card.

THE CATTLE FAIR, by AUGUSTE BONHEUR. Size, 14 feet by 9 feet.—Mr. Robert Crofts has the pleasure to announce, that this great Picture is NOW ON VIEW at the Gallery, 28, Old Bond Street. Open from Ten till Five.—Admission, 1s.

#### SCIENCE

#### SOCIETIES.

STATISTICAL.—April 15.—E. Chadwick, Esq., C.B., in the chair.—Mr. F. Purdy read a paper 'On the Earnings of Agricultural Labourers in Scotland and Ireland.'

LINNEAN.-April 17.-G. Bentham, Esq., Presi-LINNEAN.—April 17.—G. Bentham, Esq., Frest-dent, in the chair.—The following papers were read: 'Notes on the Exogenous Flora of the Anamallay Mountains in Southern India, with Descriptions of New Species and a Catalogue of the Ferns,' by Capt. R. H. Beddome.—'On African Anonacere,' by G. Bentham, Esq.—'On the Structure of the Mantle in Testacella, by Lovell Reeve, Esq.—'On the Spiral Markings of the Flocci in the Genus Trichia, by the Rev. M. J. Berkeley, M.A.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Jan. 24.—The Rev. J. Barlow, V.P., in the chair.—'On the Affinities and Differences between the Brain of Man and the Brains of certain Animals,' by G. Rolleston, M.D. Feb. 7.—Sir H. Holland, Bart., V.P., in the chair.—'On Fossil Remains of Man,' by Prof.

March 21.—The Rev. J. Barlow, V.P., in the chair.—'On some of the Causes, Effects and Mill tary Applications of Explosions,' by F. A. Abel, Esq.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Actuaries, 7.—' Future Rate of Interest,' Mr. Newmarch. Geographical, 8-, Zoological, 1.—Anniversary. Mon.

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Zoological, I.—Anniversary.
Antiquaries, 2.—Anniversary.
Civil Engineers, 8.—'Reclaiming Lands from Seas and Estuaries, 'Mr. Oldham and Mr. Muller; 'Sea Dykes of Slesvig and Holstein,' Mr. Paton.
Royal Institution, 4.—'Ancient Art,' Mr. Newton.
Society of Arts, 8.—'Silk Department of Exhibition, Florence, 1861, 'Mr. Winkworth.
I. Linnean, 8.—' Habits of Females of Genus Orgyla,' Mr. Stainton. WED. THURS. L

Statuton.
Chemical, 8.
Royal, 8.— Terminations of the Nerves in Muscles, Prof.
Kölliker.
Royal Institution, 2.—Annual Meeting.
Horticultural.—Election of Fellows.
Royal Institution, t.— The Exhibition, Mr. Milnes.
Asiatic, 3.
Royal Institution, 3.— Agricultural Chemistry, Prof.
Anderson. SAT.

### FINE ARTS

Catalogue Raisonné; or, List of the Pictures in Blenheim Palace; with Occasional Remarks and Illustrative Notes. By George Scharf. (Dorrell & Son.)

Blenheim is a place comparatively little known, notwithstanding all the talk about it. Yet almost all the great pictures are placed in the rooms to which access is given to anybody. The

private apartments offer no concealed treasures such as those displayed. The exceptions are one hundred and twenty copies, by D. Teniers, from famous pictures of his time in the gallery of the Archduke Leopold William, Governor of the Low Countries, to whom the artist was principal painter and keeper of the pictures. It was a labour of love with Teniers to copy these works, which he did with admirable success, reproducing the style of each master to perfection. These were afterwards engraved, and form a work known to connoisseurs as the Teniers Gallery. The originals were, says Mr. Scharf, removed, for the most part, from Brussels to Vienna, and are now to be seen in the Gallery of the Belvedere. Quite recently, Messrs. Christie & Manson sold two fine original works of this class by Teniers, representing the interiors of picture galleries, with the paintings, in miniature, on the walls reproduced with curious felicity and marked distinctness of character. These works are in the Billiard Room at Blenheim. They comprise transcripts from Bellini, Giorgione, Mantegna, Correggio, Carracci, Titian, Tintoret, Veronese,

Palma, Giovane, &c.
The Duchess's Sitting-Room contains a fine
collection of enamels by Leonard Limousin, Pierre Raymond, Courteys, Laudin and others, comprising plaques, ewers, salt-cellars, dishes, bowls and plates, all of extreme beauty and interest. Also, here is a charming series of miniatures, displaying curious meetings of great folk with diverse claims to fame: such as almost a dozen portraits of Mary Queen of Scots; others of Marie de' Medici, Gabrielle D'Estrées, Arabella Stuart, Gerard Honthorst, Cardinal Mazarin, Lord Lauderdale, Dryden (inscribed at the back, "Mr. Dryden"), and other odd instances of strange companionship. These little matters have far more interest with the world now-a-days than lies with the huge wall-paintings by Sir James Thornhill which do not adorn the Hall of the Palace, representing the great Duke of Marlborough in a blue cuirass of classic character, kneeling before a figure of Britannia, clad in white, holding a lance and a wreath. Hercules and Mars do not give dignity to these exploded heroics, accompanied as they are by emblem-bearing females and the usual paraphernalia. Sir William Thornhill was paid at the rate of 25s. per square yard for these paintings. From the Privy Purse a sum of 240,000l. was contributed towards the building of the Palace; even this did not suffice to pay for all, but 60,000l. more came from the resources of the Duke and Duchess. Seventeen years after its commencement the Duke died, leaving it unfinished. Notwithstanding Sir Joshua Reynolds's apology for Vanbrugh, the architect, to the effect that he designed on true pictorial principles, giving due heed to composition in his work, and developing finely the too often neglected qualities of light and shade, the world has failed to admire sufficiently the magnificence of Blenheim; although it has certainly not indorsed the animadversions of the wits of his own time, who were hardly capable of appreciating much that is really solid, dignified and noble in management and disposition of masses in the design of this famous building.

In the notes on the pictures, as he takes them in detailed order through the Palace, Mr. Scharf evinces his industry and judgment. The scope of his reading to illustrate the subject has been immense. It is much to be wished that other writers on similar themes would be as cautious and discriminating as he is here. We inferred that, in going through a place like this, with a trustworthy companion in one's hand, the heedful observer would find ample suggestiveness

and funds for thought. Here, for example, we find named a portrait, by Pantoja de la Crux, of the redoubtable lady the Infanta Isabella Clara Eugenia, the colour of whose linen gave name to the peculiar tawny tint called Isabelle. A little further off is a portrait, by Marc Gerard of the infamous Frances Howard, Countess of Essex and Somerset, who married foolish Robert Carr. Her linen, too, has its story, being dyed, as the picture shows, after the fashion of Mistress Turner, with the famous yellow starch. Here is the Duchess of Marlborough as Minerva, "in a yellow classic breastplate"; the famous portrait by Rubens of his second wife, Helena Forman. Here are a host of Reynolds's portraits of the great and the little-great of his day. Here are all sorts of stately ladies by Vandyke-people that one reads about in Memoirs, many of them curiously like our ideas therein formed about them, - good company most of them, more sterling, if not so lively, as those Kneller and Lely have also made to live upon the canvas again, of whom some scores are here. Here is the twice-married Saccharissa, to whose honour Mr. Scharf quotes the brilliant lines of Waller, when making love, as it were by reflexion through her chamberwoman. It is hard to find a single person of whom some incident is not known or made known to us by our excellent commentator.

SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.

THE display set forth in the enlarged gallery of this Society, greatly above the average, will advance its ancient reputation and raise English art in water colour in the estimation of our visitors. Mr. F. W. Burton sends three pictures, admirable for solidity and character. No. 312, A Geman Interior, shows a German school-girl drawing upon a slate. Also The Wife of Hassan Aga (280), seated at a window with a face full of sorrow and fear; a work admirable for intensity of expression, brilliant colour and force of tone. In this picture Mr. Burton has equalled oil in vigour of execution; the picture will surprise even those who remember his previous works. More vigorous, more brilliant, deeper in tone, and even stronger in every quality of execution, is a half-length of an Oriental woman leaning from a window, Yelibra (320), a work for colour and solidity—the last a noble quality—quite unsurpassed in water-colour art.—By Mr. Tophan are (155) Peat-Gatherers, North Wales, Irish children by a bog-stream, showing beautiful colour, and (133) The Passing Train, Irish lads and girls by a stone fence cheering such a portent. Other figures make a pleasant composition, notable for character.—Mr. J. Gilbert has four pictures, all in his old bravura of manner. The best of these (37) is entitled Don Quixote at Home. The Don reads from his book with an earnest action, standing up to declaim against his tormentors, who sit at the table; the barber, in a white cap, with his back towards us, uneasily twists in his chair; the conceited curé, chin in hand, on the opposite side. Behind comes the housekeeper; while the maid, a pretty figure, listens, half puzzled, half amused, to the arguments. The composition of these figures is excellent, the design of those of the Don and the barber equal to anything Mr. Gilbert has produced. Big as ever, we have here, in No. 109, Potr Paul Rubens, standing before an easel in the wil-known swagger of action peculiar to the exhibitors ideas of professional demeanour. He bears on his thumb a palette, which to say is painted only would be below the truth, seeing that it is really modelled in colour. As colour, it is admirably brilliant. This artist's wild power of manner shows itself less favourably in *Rhinewein* (19), a group of bargemen, with beards and abandoned hair, who are led by a brawny leader in a glee. Before them is wine, and all about abundance of the pictorial properties the author delights in. These works, despite outrageous faults, are worthy of study for their extraordinary felicity and daring of imitative power. M. Carl Haag has a boldly studied, life-size head of A Bedaween of the Harwarah Tribe (163), 6, '62

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very full of expression and character, with reflexions very full of expression and character, with reflexions much too hot for nature. In No. 134, The Remains of the Temple at Baalbek, six columns stand in rosy light, masses of rock and ruin lie about in deep shade. The reflexions are more truthful, as they are better accounted for; but the colour of the natural herbage has been sacrificed to the desire for sall integrity and sat affect. Of all these No. 200 natural nerbage has been sacrificed to the desire for local intensity and set effect. Of all these, No. 300 pleases us best, A Departure from Palmyra, an Arab carvan marching in haste; the expressions and actions admirably given, with more quietness of colour and dependence upon greys than in the above. The and dependence upon greys than in the above. In the fewer men are swinging aloft on their camels; pipe-amed, on foot, before, goes a pipe-bearer, and by his side a negro taking a vigorous pull at a water him. It is needless for us to say how intense in character all this artist's works are; we miss in them diversity of texture and solidity, and find too much burning colour, with little variety of the

Mr. J. Jenkins has painted with spirit, grace and less French feeling than usual, No. 288, Who Comes? —a girl with a guitar—and One More Expected (271), a girl with a guitar—and One More Expected (271), a maiden lingering under a beech-tree, her face very expressive and action well rendered. More delicacy of colour would improve these. In No. 30, Good-bye, we have a subject the painter has made rather trite: a mountain-lass, milk-can in hand, passes a stone fence, followed by a toddling child; the last very prettily drawn, the flesh of both errs in redness; the expressions extremely good.—Mr. F. Tayler's pictures are by no means too solid or over red, being little better than somewhat mannered sketches of character thinly done. The best is No. 7. Repose: a gamekeeper's boy dozes what mannered sketches or character thinly done. The best is No. 7, Repose: a gamekeeper's boy dozes on a stile, a pheasant lying at his feet, and some bright-eyed dogs watching, the last excellently emposed and expressively drawn. No. 117, The Vale of Guynent, N. Wales, Milking Time, is more solid and rich, showing a mountain road with cattle most it the drivers storping to chat remarkable or the storping to chat remarkable. solid and rich, showing a mountain road with cattle upon it, the drivers stopping to chat; remarkable for skill of superficial handling. So likewise are The Falco Gaymant, Gathering the Flocks (130), a similar work, and No. 140, Fern-Gatherers in the Lleder Falley, a Welsh mountain path, with its appropriate wheelless cart, drawn by a stiff pony, bearing two girls, one laden with fern. The figures, well company and better drawn then went at more as the form of the figures. posed, stronger and better drawn than usual, are pretty and full of character.

The brothers Fripp are charming painters of softened effects; alike, but distinct. By Mr. G. Fripp is Lochnagar Bridge, near Balmoral (129), a valley scene, rendered with delightful truth and beauty, in grades of colour and tone receding to higher levels, under an effect of sunlight absorbed by mist. In the front runs a shallow river over mpids; on its right bank sleeping sunlight. The mid-distance of this is admirable. By the same is the large, soft, rich and broad Scene in Brae Mar Forest (44), a valley amongst hill-tops, with blue babbling water running in many a curve, treated with delightful love of nature and atmospheric fieldity. The Harbour at Tenby (149), a view from a coast road into a quiet bay, is almost Italian in effect of softness and delicate colour. The sunny fichness and softness of Loch Callatar, near Brae Mar (316), will be enjoyed.—Mr. A. D. Frips each Waiting for the Tide (100), a fisher-boy with his lobster-pots, seated on a rock by the sea, under meffect of absorbed sunlight. The execution, memet of absorbed sunlight. The execution, two, modelling and genuine expression of his features are beyond praise. Making ready for & (11), a boy carrying nets into his boat, is equally sunny, rich and solid. In The Wicket (126), a country girl entering a garden-gate, we have not find so much to admire; despite the perfection of effort, as before her focally not in here. so not find so much to admire; despite the persistion of effect, as before, her face is not in keeping with her dress. Perhaps the best of all these is A Dorsetshire Shepherd Boy (254) whittling an abstick as he stands in a newly-ploughed field. The whole is deliciously true, exquisitely soft, solid is tone and charming in colour.—Mr. Nash paints lardly, but with skilful precision, The Hall in a Friend's House at Eton (308), with figures much as ladid years ago. These are cleverly designed; but the colour and bright light are absent.—Mr. F. Smallfield would have done better to have drawn with more care the branches of the willow-tree, with more care the branches of the willow-tree, upon which scores of birds are settled, in St.

Francis preaching amongst the Birds (202). The heads of the Saint and a companion are well drawn, with expressive pleasantness of character; their figures are also good; but that of a boy behind is fantastic. We regret the fantastic triteness of St. George (206), a youth in a breastplate; not remarkable for the intensity of character Giorgione put into such

This Society has strengthened itself considerably by the election of Messrs. Brittain Willis, J. W. Whittaker and Alfred W. Hunt. The poetic feeling, delicate colour and brilliancy of Oberwessel -Summer Twilight (219), by the last, are remarkable. Charming is Finchdale Priory (233), a ruin deep in a glade, filled with sunlight and foliage. It is rather flat in the foreground. Thun, Switzerland (221), shows a skilfully-painted rainbow and zerland (221), shows a skilfully-painted rainbow and very delicate colour. Snow amongst mountains, fullness of roseate light, and pale purple are shown beautifully in Nant-frangon—Winter Twilight (97).

—Mr. Brittain Willis gives us Sussex lowland scenes through watery air. In Early Morning (181), cattle on a common, the figures are rather stifly grouped, but faithful and solid in execution. Notice the but faithful and solid in execution. Notice the beautiful tone and truth of colour in the shadows on the body of the cow in the centre. Equally good is A Meadow-Scene in Sussex (192), cattle dozily standing about. Immensely vivid and brilliant is Sunset in Harvest-Time (220), a flat expanse, and a wing of blood-red cirrus cloud stretched over it. Sunset (245) is rich, solid and boldly effective.

A Ploughing-Scene in Sussex (262), with cattle on lea-land, is true in tone and chiar-oscuro.— Mr. Whittaker sends Harvest on the Welsh Mountains (20), a sweep of shallow valley filled with softened (20), a sweep of shallow valley filled with softened shadows; a gleam of water and a vista of blue lands far off. The sky, full of flying clouds of white and grey, is perfect in light. Equally so is that in Peat-Gatherers (197) and Llyn Helsi (324).

Mr. Davidson would keep us always in spring-time by ever painting budding trees and rain-washed skies; he does this not too often, but some-times practable as in At Paint Carlot.

times repeats himself, as in At Reigate, Early Spring (49), with the growing elm, the stack of old hay being cut, its fellow uncut, which is true, bril-liant and beautiful; so much so, that we should liant and beautiful; so much so, that we should like those qualities employed on novel subjects.—
No. 8, Looking up the Dolvydellan Valley, North Wales, is very charming for sunlight and atmosphere. Best of all is Later in Autumn—Windsor Park (143), a hillock deep in fern, looking over Park (143), a hillock deep in fern, looking over a weald country; the foreground laden with brambles that are touched with perfect skill, rich in colour, filled with stalwart oaks beautifully drawn. Charmingly brilliant in its way is Early Spring a-top of the Hill (198), stark trees just budding, gathered about a farmhouse, by Mr. Dodgson.—Than The Thames at Mill End (306), we have not often seen anything softer or more tenderly treated. otten seen anything softer or more tenderly treated.

—A Mountain Scene (309), with water tumbling in
the front, is strong and bold.—Mr. J. D. Harding
does not quit his conventional and scenic manner
in No. 14, Pass of Inversaid, Scotland—DeerStalking, a river descending a valley to break upon Statisting, a river descending a valley to break upon a rocky step at last: the truest portion is the hazy light in the spray of the fall. The whole, for its peculiar style, is admirable. In No. 77, Montdragon, South of France, we recognize the old pines in front, and, with all its merits, stage-scene air. The best of this artist's works is No. 188, The Queen's View, Lock Tunnel in the distance: a valley treated with more spirit and care than the above, rendered with great success in breadth and force. The rocks in front are worthy of careful examina-The rocks in front are worthy of careful examina-tion.—Some water dashing at a cliff-base, and the clouds above, are to be admired in 105, Under the East Cliff, Hastings, by Mr. D. Cox. An Avenue (103) is badly drawn. No. 160, An Avenue in Surrey, transcends its companion.—Mr. A. Glennie's pictures representing the Amphitheatre at Pola, Nos. 52, 123, are beautiful studies of sunlight, sainted its measurement of the property avenue. Nos. 52, 123, are beautiful studies of sunlight, painted in a masterly manner, although low in key of green on the vegetation. The first shows the enormous areade half in shadow; on the front is the orange light of the sun, below an expanse of blue water. The second, taken from the water level, is a larger but less perfect work. Both are broad, rich and bold.

Mr. B. Foster has risen from his hard, cold finish

to a better pictorial quality. In A Lock (91) at evening, the light is centering from the setting sun through hovering bees of cloud, which have somewhat of an opalescent character. The reflexions on the calm water are beautifully given and rich in on the calm water are beautifully given and rich in colour. Some trees on the bank are a little hard. The Bird's Nest (246), some children gossiping by a roadside, shows pretty grouping; the whole not without hardness. Fishing (249), a boy angling, has much the same character. Water Lilies (263) is very pretty, but without softness of colour. This artist's best work is the Daisy Bridge, Rokeby (289), artist's best work is the Daisy Bridge, Rokeby (289), a watercourse through rocks, shadowed by trees; very valuable for tone, strength and natural colour. On the Shore, Bonchurch (292), some children skipping in breaking waves, still, hard, and even cold, is eleverly and spiritedly designed, with its graceful little figures.—Mr. A. Newton does not take us by storm, as he did last year; but the brilliancy of Mountain Glory, Ardgour, Argyllshire (56), where are lofty mountain-tops covered with roseate snow. is admirable. Up these the purple shadows where are lofty mountain-tops covered with roseate snow, is admirable. Up these the purple shadows are creeping as the sun sinks, growing deeper, further off, and more chilly to the front, while an expanse of still water repeats sky, shadowed hills and glowing peaks on one level of deep tone, broken only where the wind has driven across a stripe of pale green reflected light in ripples on the surface. Behind all a pale full moon grows brighter. In A Fine Afternoon, Inverlochy Castle (156), evening is falling upon a broad and shallow valley: ing is falling upon a broad and shallow valley; water lying there in its lowest levels looks like dull water lying there in its lowest levels looks like dull glass. Upon the banks of this are seen the dim towers of a castle lost in purple shades.—Mr. S. Palmer has not forgotten his old delight in the sea, but sends us The Fisherman's Wife (269), a rocky coast in a wild evening, under purple and dun orange clouds, the sea tumbling wildly: a forcible and beautiful work. In the Country (251) shows cattle gathered under oak-boughs at milkingtime, poetically truthful and good. Without departure from truth in any point, this artist makes our earth look like Areadia, in a similar picture of sunlight at evening fading into purple twilight, our earth look like Arcadia, in a similar picture of sunlight at evening fading into purple twilight, and the deepening of all colour just before colour goes altogether with the day, The Patriarch of the Orchard (241).—Mr. E. Duncan's Scawced-Gathering, Guernsey (72), is over-deep, without boldness, and too smooth. Much better is A Gale—the Longships Lighthouse (81), a weltering sea that mixes itself with the grey clouds all in hurry and wrath. A fierce wind has torn a tunnel through the clouds; so that the light looks upon the waste, and upon so that the light looks upon the waste, and upon the lighthouse tower half hidden in spray, and a poor ship staggering on her course. Mr. Jackson deals with nature loyally, but too rigidly; hence his effects are hard, although one can never define where the fault lies. By the sad Sea Waves (12) shows the fall of the reason are not as here and calls have. his effects are hard, although one can never define where the fault lies. By the sad Sea-Waves (12) shows the fall of waves upon a sandy shore, and gulls busy about it, and the red sun through banks of ashy clouds. St. Ives (79) gives sand-hills upon a stark shore, the water in summer light, a brig coming home with the tide. Bright, but still hard, is No. 211. The Mouth of the Exe. No. 227, Newlyn, Mount's Buy, by the same, a landing-place, is extremely skilfully executed and thoughtful of nature, but, as before, too hardly handled.—By Mr. E. A. Goodall is A Moonlight Effect in Venice (199), admirably truth-telling and fantastic.—Mr. G. Andrews's The Old Port, Honfleur (75), is solidly and well done. The quay of the old city, with the houses standing close upon it, verges close to the road. The vigorous touch of the craft is worth noticing.—Mr. J. Holland sends many studies. No. 53, Venezia, shows in the centre a delicately-painted palacefront, so bright and varied that it looks like old enamel. By the same is 328, Roses, &c., from Nature, flowers in a glass of water, given with soft plumpness, exquisite freedom and bold handling.—Mr.W. Hunt is a large contributor of small pictures, but great in art, so admirable are the colour. modelling, tone, composition and finish. oung.—Mr. W. Hunt is a large contributor of small pictures, but great in art, so admirable are the colour, modelling, tone, composition and finish. This painter has made art where is generally imitation only; consequently his productions claim and merit a place amongst the highest. Praising such works as these is but superfluous employment of laudatory adjectives.

FINE-ART GOSSIP.-M. Morelli has made a fine transcript in the line manner from Mr. G. F. Watt's likeness of Sir William F. P. Napier. As a por-trait this presents quite another idea of the family trait this presents quite another loca of the family features than that given by Mr. Adams in his luckless productions in Trafalgar Square and St. Paul's. It is nobly severe, yet genial, clear, deci-sive and earnest in character. Mesers. Colnaghi, Scott & Co. are the publishers. The picture, we believe, is one of a series which the artist intends bequeathing to the National Portrait Gallery.

Mr. James Wood, of Edinburgh, has published a good lithographic portrait of the Prince Consort, drawn by Mr. G. Schacher from a photograph by Mr. O. G. Rejlander. This is a profile, and, although rather too smooth and full in the forms of the face, whence the expression is a little dull and blunt, it is a satisfactory likeness and a creditable piece of work.

M. L. Gallait's picture of 'Delilah Mourning for Samson,' which has recently been exhibited at Brussels for the benefit of the Ghent workmen, will appear at the International Exhibition. It is to be hoped that this and other famous works of foreign schools will really be hung in time for the opening day, although the present prospect of their being so is extremely small.

Mr. Millais's 'Carpenter's Shop,' and two pic-tures by the late John Luard, are being exhibited in Berners Street. Despite its extravagances, the first is a notable work. Toned as it is by time, it comes without a shock before the public eye, which has learnt what there was to admire and what to forgive in it.

We were premature in stating that the Islington statue of Sir Hugh Myddelton is at this moment erected.

Some notable water-colour pictures at the British Artists' Exhibition escaped us when considering the gallery in general. Prominent are two, by Mr. R. Tucker: Preparing for the Herring Season (724), a fisher-boy seated in a hut at work upon a net. The effect of indoor light and reflexion is rendered with solidity, feeling for tone and colour. Mouth Mill, Clovelly (913), a rough, boulder-strewn beach, the sea rippling in a fresh breeze under bars of cloud-shadow. This is very crisp and strong. The half-watery sunlight on the grass is well given; the whole truthful and spirited. - Haymaking (716), the edge of a wood, is painted with heavy force by Mr. G. Mawley. — Mid-day Study on the Coast at Treen (751) — Mr. G. Wolfe — with a whitish sea calmly rippling, is extremely well handled, and good; as are others by the same. -Mr. A. J. Flood has two studies from Nature: By the Side of the Wood (757), a woodland road; and The Road to the Pasture (912), a beech avenue, brilliantly painted.

—A Study (759), by Mr. W. L. Thomas, a girl amongst apple-blossoms, is vigorous and solid; as is A Quiet Pipe (852), by the same.—By Mr. J. B. Brown, jun., is an excellent sketch, styled A Summer's Half-Holiday (787).—Mr. G. S. Keys's Snowdon (791) is broadly and richly drawn, though thin in the foreground.—Mr. V. Cole is as brilliant and deeply-toned as ever in his water-colour drawings:—Evening (787), an old church and land-scape, with masses of trees; a pale sickle of a moon getting brightness. The Glydders (894) and Autumn (915) are equally charming.—A Shady Lane (850), by Miss Keys, is agreeable.—On a Hill-side, Surrey (869), by Mr. W. Lucas, is spirited and effective in drawing; an ash-tree standing in the open. -Some withering beeches and much fern seen in a broad effect of brilliant light in Autumn, by Mr. H. C. Warren, presents admirable feeling for Nature.—Mr. J. Campbell, jun. sends The Cellarer (949), an old man inspecting wine; strong, rich in colour and characteristic; withal, better drawn than any work we remember from this very powerful but unpardonably careless painter.

A mediæval brass, by way of monument to Edmund Burke, has been recently erected in Beaconsfield Church, to indicate the exact spot under which the historian lies buried. This has been designed by Mrs. Hughes, and subscribed for by members of various families claiming to represent the name of Burke.—A similar memorial has been

placed in the nave of Westminster Abbey, to the memory of John Hunter, by the Royal College of Surgeons of England. This is in juxtaposition with the like record, placed, some time since, over the grave of Robert Stephenson.

The Builder says that the noble Guesten Hall at Worcester is doomed, and that the roof is to be presented, by the Cathedral Dean and Chapter, to the new district church of St. Martin's parish, to be erected, by Mr. W. J. Hopkins, on Shrub Hill. The timbers have to be inspected and it is The timbers have to be inspected, and it is feared that they are rotten; to a certain extent, at least. It would be a strange thing if this beautiful hall should be destroyed, and its leading feature found in such a condition as to be fit for re-erection. The "restorations" of the Cathedral are to go on, embracing the great or lower transept, and the walls between it and the porch.

Before us is a series of photographs from works by Mr. Mozier, an American sculptor, resident in Rome. Some of these have been sent to the International Exhibition, where our readers may judge for themselves; for our part, we see much that is praiseworthy in them—a sound and wholesome perception of the importance of reticence and severity of design, and, what is rare enough, when every man must ape Phidias or Praxiteles, a marked inspiration, derived from the Greek schools of sculpture of what is called the second period, when a certain dryness of design contended with the undeveloped life within. Of such, the Egina Marbles offer the best examples. Oddly enough, these sculptures show similar faults to those of the ordinary works in the second period, e.g., certain disproportions in the head and thickness of the lower limbs; even the well-known treatment of the waist-drapery is reproduced. A statue of Esther displays the merits and the faults of Mr. Mozier's work and idea of design. Strictly in the classic affectation of repose, it differs little from what we might expect from a sculptor of Sicyon, or one of those carvers who perpetuated the early manner till deep into the Christian era. With all this, the design needs nationality and idiosyncratic type to make it a modern rendering of a Hebraic ideal. It is evident that neither ignorance nor incompetence is the cause of our disappointment here, for some recognition of even the Ionian feeling is shown, and the design is good. Again, the statuesque, cold 'Jephthah's Daughter' gives little idea of the earnest life of that very demonstrative race to which she belonged. Here is an example of the evil drawn from exclusive study of classic Art. The prime thing to be given in Art is the idea nationally and individually. How shall the swift blood of Israel run in the still archaisms of early Greek These Hebrews, if we read their history rightly, had not the least idea of attitudinizing,-no one leg behind the other, no drooping arms and bent head with them, but something vital, burningly active. The daughter of the Captain went out with timbrels and with dances, and when he told her of her doom she did certainly not pose herself like one in a chorus of virgins or walking ladies filling up the background in Electra or the Seven against Thebes. The Egyptianized spirit of archaic Hellenic sculpture dealt lovingly and nobly with abstractions, with pure and cold ideals. As it grew out of this virginal dawn and freed itself, it added vitality of feeling to human themes such as these. Photographs fail to render the surface of sculptures, so that we cannot speak of the finishing care these have received,—not too much, it appears

#### MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

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ST. JAMES'S HALL.—Mr. JOHN FRANCIS BARNETT begs to announce, that his GRAND CONCERT will take place at the above Hall, on "HRURSDAY EVENING, May 22.—Tickets may be obtained at the principal Musicsellers'; at the Hall; and of Mr. Barnett, 21, Brecknock Crescent, Camden Road.

MONDAY POPULAR CONCERTS.—BEETHOVEN NIGHT at the Monday Popular Concerts, St. James's Hall, on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, April 28.—Pianoforte, Mr. Charles Ball, Violin, Herr Joachim; Violoncello, Signor Piatti, Vocalist, Mis Banks and Miss Lascelles. For full particulars, see Programma Conductor, Mr. Benedict.—Tickets at Chappell & Co.'s, 59, New Bond Street; and at Austich 's, 88, Piccadilly.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

BEFORE the season is fairly upon us, the heap of new publications, vocal and instrumental, has already become so bewildering, that no common ingenuity is required to afford a welcome to the best, and a mere enumeration of those which are less good, in columns which are unfortunately less elastic than the tent of Peri-Banou.

First to be mentioned is the score of a Second Symphony (Op. 14), by Mr. Street (Ewer & Co.)— This gentleman, as an accomplished amateur, whose studies have been directed obviously towards what is rich and solid, is not unknown to the readers of the Athenœum.—So far as we can judge from the perusal of a score, there is considerable advance in this on his first Symphony. The treatment seems less timid and mechanical, the ideas to be brighter and bolder.-The first movement a gay allegro in D major (g tempo), is perin this respect, the least satisfactory one. To this succeeds a long and carefully-developed adagio in A major (§ tempo), in which there is perhaps too obstinate a repetition of the three quaver figure to be advisable in a movement imme diately following one in triple rhythm. The scherzo in D leads into Larghetto and Bohemian Dance, both in B flat, which are, in some sort, episodical since a very brief da capo concludes the movement. The finale, an allegro in D major, too often the weak est, is here, probably, the strongest portion of the Symphony. Mr. Street is to be distinguished from many young composers, who fancy that by the use of extreme minor keys they can give music intrinsically commonplace in idea an air of expressiveness. It may be well, however, to caution him to study variety in his figures of accompaniment. The perpetually reiterated note, however admirable as a device in animated passages, becomes monotonous rather than spirited, if it be unsparingly used. So far as perusal warrants judgment, Mr. Street's grouping of his instruments seems good. Nothing wo give us greater pleasure than to test it by the ear. Might it not be tried at that place of enlightened artistic enterprise in music—the Crystal Palace!

We have now to deal with transcripts, single movements; beginning with the Op. 98 of M Heller, who publishes an *Improvisata* (Farmand Frilwirth) on Schumann's Romance 'Blutherothen Ebro.' Like everything from the pen of our accomplished guest, this is most becoming music for the pianist; a Spanish love-song, and as such fitly marked by a guitar character throughout. But at the risk of being indicted for heresy, we must say, that the very quality which the devoted admirers of Schumann praise-that vagueness of melody which they call deep expression and inner meaning,—renders his songs difficult of treatment, so as to leave any clear impression when the embroideries are so complicated and delicate is here the case .- The Hunter's Chorus from 'Eury anthe' has been varied by Herr Pauer (same pub lishers) with a masterly hand. But here again the theme, howbeit marked, is so long-drawn as to offer an obstacle to effective arrangement ; - the more since there is no avoiding a perpetual return to those horn-flourishes, which, however essential to the part-song, by way of accompaniment and contrast, give a monotony when they are represented and repeated on the instrument that also expresses the vocal harmonies.

We have now Select Pianoforte Compositions of William Vipond Barry (Leipzig, Roder), an Andante in E flat with variations, the variations better than the theme, which has a strong reminiscence of Mendelssohn; the Coda is well wrought up with some novelty of figure.—Of Three Lyrical Sketches the Canzonetta is, perhaps, the best, though there is an inequality of rhythm which frets the ear Mr. Barry obviously inclines towards richness of harmony. Les Nuits de Napoli are three characteristic movements in the South Italian humour. Wherefore are they all in the minor key? In the

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Ginq Morceaux Caractéristiques (Ashdown & Parry), by Berthold Tours, Op. 4, are by a writer new to us;—French, we fancy, not only by his name, but from the nature of his music. There is name, our roll the nature of his music. There is a certain quaintness, at all events, separated only by a thread-line from affectation, which reminds us of the turns and surprises of M. Auber and Halevy—a taste in melody and a taste in harmony Halévy—a taste in melody and a taste in harmony which are neither English nor German,—see the beginning of the first, a emplice movement in F major, which is anything rather than simple,—see the crudities, not, however, without a certain rebust audacity, in No. 2, In Modo di Marcia,—and the anxious rhythm of No. 4. In the last, a Visuce Giocoso, the melody is given to the left hand with a certain grace and fineness. On the whole, though these compositions cannot be said to prove the originality of their writer, they fairly aromise it. promise it.

MUSIC OF THE WEEK .- This week we shall pass briefly over most of the musical performances which have taken place, interesting as many of them have been, and clearly showing a progress upwards, as apid as it is steady.—Take Opera, to begin with; in no other capital known to us could there in no other capital known to us could there have been such performances within the same space of time as those given in Covent Garden. The performance of 'La Favorita' was, in three points, remarkable. The first, we are happy to say, was the improvement shown in her singing by Mdlle. Gillag, who is somewhat nearer becoming, what her partisans declared she already was, a couple of seasons since. The increase in smoothness and temperance of her style was most welcome, as her audience must have made her feel. Then a word of high credit is due to Signor Neri-Baraldi, who had to succeed Signor Mario in the tenor's part, and to replace Signor Gardoni, suddenly disabled by the east wind,—and who went through his difficult task admirably, winning an enthusisatic encore in the song of the fourth act. Signor Nanni, who made a first appearance as Baldassure, is a creditable basso profondo. The choruses and orchestra in the fourth act (Donizetti's masterornestra in the fourth act (Donizetti's master-piece) could not be exceeded. The night before last, 'Le Prophète' was revived. On Monday, 'Dinorah' will be given, with Madame Miolan-Carvalho as heroine. This width of repertory, the general excellence of performance taken into account, speaks for itself.

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That M. Blondin has not danced and scared Music out of the Crystal Palace, was to be heard on Good Friday, when a wast crowd assembled to hear Madame Rudersdorff, Mr. Weiss and Mr. Sims Reeves in Handel's and Haydn's songs, and an organ performance.—The Festival Orchestra, a curiosity of engineering architecture, so ingeniously contrived as to avert the possibility of the new work straining the existing supports of the building, is now beginning to make rapid progress.

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The Popular Concerts continue steady to Beetboven, having given on Monday last the Kreutzer Smata, and the Sonata Pathétique. They are steady, too (and who can wonder), to MM. Halle and Joachim. Nothing better than the duett-playing of these excellent artists has been ever heard in London. On Monday, the singers were Madame Lancia and Mr. Sarytés. Lancia and Mr. Santley.

M. Sainton's last concert was made interesting

to those who desire novelty by a performance of the third Trio of M. Silas. The favourable terms in which we spoke of this work on the occasion of its publication were fully justified by its perform-ance. In particular, the slow movements came out charmingly.

PRINCESS'S.—On Saturday, a long-announced new play, in five acts, prepared by Mr. Fechter and Mr. Edmund Yates, and entitled 'The Golden Daggers,' was produced. It is founded upon a story in the Constitutionnel. Whatever may be the merits of the plot as a novel, it is altogether unfit for a stage representation. As we have already explained in a previous article, the presence of a mystery is a great burthen on a drama; and in 'The Golden Daggers' there is, unfortunately, nothing else. Any one unacquainted with the feuilleton will find the problem of the play insoluble, and must be content with each relief to the fermilleton. and must be content with such indications of a story as he may gather from the progress of the scenes. He will perceive, indeed, that the ground-work of the action relates to some Californian experiences of the principal persons, who have received from the Chief of an Indian tribe a golden dagger as an emblem of fidelity, and that one of them has been guilty of an attempt at murder and other crimes, which another (the Chief himself in disguise) has the task of avenging. The plot consists of the contrivances which the criminal makes to escape from his impending doom, and other similar practices which the avenger pursues in order to secure his punishment, unless the former will to secure his punishment, unless the former will adopt the alternative proposed, and surrender an advantageous marriage which is about to be celebrated. So much in a hazy, misty manner, floats before the mind of the spectator, but nothing distinctly fixes itself in any recognizable form and feature upon his perception. Meanwhile, in the stage conjunctions and contrasts there is frequently stage conjunctions and contrasts there is frequently much that is striking, and even ingenious; likewise, in the dialogue there are frequently clever points, and we are tantalized with a belief that the business is about to be made clear:—but scene succeeds scene, and the last leaves us as much in the dark as the preceding. The scenic artist has been put into requisition, and never was a play more beautifully illustrated. There is a picture of Hampstand Heath and another of the Thermes which are stead Heath and another of the Thames, which are extremely fine,—and an ingenious double scene of a thieves' cellar underground and a street above, the former of which descends while the latter takes its place;—and this produces a sort of new stage-effect. But the authors' hopes of success, unfortunately, seem built upon such expedients, instead of the dramatic qualities of the play, and accordingly they have failed most egregiously in maintaining, or even exciting, the smallest particle of interest for the plot or characters. The acting was irreproachably good. Mr. Fechter himself, in George Lester, or Albert de Rosen, was frequently impressive and suggestive; but the expectations raised were disappointed. Mr. George Jordan, as raised were disappointed. Mr. George Jordan, as Sir Percial Cumpiphame, played with force and intention; but the result was shadowy in the extreme. Mr. Basil Potter, too, appeared to mean something, as the Duke de Rivas; but there was no substance that answered to the sign. An Indian substance that answered to the sign. An Indian follower of the Chief, who has nothing to say, was played by Mr. J. G. Shore: he appears once in the second act, and again in the fifth act; but he might as well not appear at all, for any interest that he awakens. The best and most intelligible part was old *Duckett*, a miser, by Mr. Widdicomb, who threw into it the whole force of his style, but on whose head it was doomed that the wrath of the audience should ultimately fall. We regret to be able to furnish no better account of Mr. Fechter's

LYCEUM.—A little farce, entitled 'I Couldn't Help It,' was produced on Saturday. It is written by Mr. John Oxenford, but is intentionally of a most trifling character, having been designed for the mere purpose of introducing Miss Lydia Thompson in a negro dance, at the end of a duett between her and Mr. Warlow, as Mr. Thomas Brown, her lover. The young lady is a hoyden who has been left in the care of her grandmother,

during her parent's absence in India. On their during her parent's absence in India. On their return, they are horrified at the neglected state of her education, and set about supplying the deficiency. Mr. Brown, by the aid of a clerical costume, gets engaged as her tutor; but is surprised, in the midst of the Terpsichorean exercise in which the young lady and himself are indulging, by Mr. and Mrs. Precision. The audience accepted the practical fun aimed at, in the place of more substantial merits, which were not needed in a piece intended to conclude the evening.

New Adelphi.—The Easter piece at this theatre is entitled 'The Phantom,' and is substantially the same drama that was produced at the Princess's same drama that was produced at the Princess's under Mr. Kean's management, soon after 'The Corsican Brothers.' Whether or not the audience were sated with the supernatural in the last-named production, it was not then received with much favour. In America, however, Mr. Boucicault was more successful, and the approbation bestowed on it on the other side of the Atlantic appears to have induced him to put it a second time on trial. The drama has certainly been improved by compression omission and alteration, and the by compression, omission and alteration, and the dénoument is altogether different. The superstition on which it is founded is of Oriental origin and very ghastly in character, and it is probable that the revolting nature of it never can be effectually got over by any art of the playwright. It labours, too, under the serious defect of involving no moral or meaning, so that the substantial horror may not be softened by any allegorizing tendency on the part of the spectator. He must accept it for what it is, an unexplainable but horrid mystery. The vampire is named Sir Alan Ruthven (Mr. Boucicault), and is named Sir Atan Kuttven (Mr. Bouccautt), and appears as a belated traveller in the ruins of Ravenscleugh, and, with other travellers, takes up his abode amongst them for the night. One of these is Maud Cameron (Mrs. Billington), who soon becomes his victim. Lord Albert Gordon shoots the monster, who, on falling, demands whether he deserved death for rushing to save the lady from an assassin who had made his escape from the window; and then requests as some atomerant for an assassin who had made his escape from the window; and then requests, as some atonement for the mistake, that Lord Albert will respect the religion which he professes, and, instead of burying, deposit his body on a mountain crag where the moonlight may fall upon his face. Accordingly, the nobleman, true to his oath, lays the body on a peak of Ben Nevis, where, after he has left it, it revives under the lunar influence. The second part of the drama is dated a hundred years after the first, and represents a similar transaction. But the times are more enlightened, and the Lockiel family times are more enlightened, and the Lochiel family contains one *Dr. Joram Mucklereid* (Mr. Emery), who in an old book reads the way to cure vampires, and determines to apply the prescription in the pre-sent instance. He contrives to involve Sir Alan in a duel with a young soldier, Edgar (Mr. Billington), the betrothed of Ada Lockiel (Miss H. Simms), whom the former has brought under the power of his spells, and intends for his next victim. The combatants meet on Ben Nevis, and Sir Alan is shot by a corporal, acting under the direction of Dr. Joram. The worthy dominie then climbs the Wolf's Craig himself, and hurls the body down the steep into a chasm out of the reach of moonbeams. Thus perishes the vampire. In the embodiment of this supernatural miscreant Mr. Boucicault evinced much artistic tact; but we doubt whether the unmitigated ugliness of the subject does not place it beyond the pale of redemption. At any rate, there were sibilants in the house, who would not be reconciled by any attempt to impart to it an artificial beauty foreign to its nature. Yet there was much good acting: Mr. Toole, as a cowardly innkeeper, in the first part, and Mr. Emery, as the dominie, in the second, threw the whole force of their talents into their parts, and

ago, have been re-engaged, and Señora Perea Nena appeared on Monday in 'The Star of Andalusia.'

Musical and Dramatic Gossip.—We owe something to the Fathers of the Brompton Oratory and to their Chapel-Master, M. Schulthes, for giving us an opportunity on the evening of Good Friday of hearing part of a 'Stabat Mater' by a composer new to us. This is Orazio Mei, who "was born at Pisa in 1719, and studied music under the celebrated Clari. He became organist at the Cathedral of Pisa, and was afterwards Director of Music at the Cathedral of Leghorn. He died at Leghorn at the age of sixty-eight. Besides the 'Stabat,' he composed a number of Masses and other church pieces, which, however, only exist in manuscript." So far as we are able to form an opinion, under circumstances of execution inevitably incomplete, the impression of the music was more than commonly favourable.—In Paris, the days of penitence have been largely illustrated by performances of Signor Rossini's 'Stabat,' Haydn's 'Seven Words,' selections from 'The Messiah,' 'Samson,' and Mozart's 'Davidde Penitente' and 'Requiem';—in Berlin, by a performance of Graun's antiquated 'Tod Jesu.'

M. Heller has arrived in London.—M. Ritter is coming over, to give three concerts; also, it is added, M. Henri Herz, in convoy of some pianofortes of his manufacture, which will appear at the Exhibition.

Madame Lind-Goldschmidt announces three grand concerts at Exeter Hall, at the close of May and the beginning of June, at which she will sing in her three oratorios of predilection, 'Elijah,' 'The Messiah' and 'The Creation,' for charitable institutions; among others (as is womanly), for the Needlewomen, and the Society of Female Musicians, and the Brompton Consumption Hospital. Is it vain to wish that she could be prevailed on to enlarge her repertory? Why not revive 'Jephtha,' an oratorio containing a part admirably suited to her means,—or the second part of 'Israel' (which stands by itself as 'Exodus'), if only that we might have the haughty song "Thou didst blow" properly sung for once; and the incomparable final solo for Miriam, which would, in her lips, make a companion performance to that which we consider till now her masterpiece—the delivery of the "Sanctus" of angels in 'Elijah'?
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Mr. Aptommas announces, in the fashion of the day, a series of six Harp Recitals, to commence on the 6th of May. In these will be introduced specimens from the works of Krumpholtz, Marin, Dizi, Labarre, Bochsa, Graziani, Zanetti, Alvars, Spohr, Prumier, Godefroid, Chatterton, De Witte, John Thomas, Oberthur, Boleyn Reeves, Gerhard Taylor, Wright, Layland, and the concert-giver.—Mrs. Merest is about to give three Soirées; the

first on Wednesday next.

A drawing-room entertainment, in two acts, entitled 'Love is Blind,' written by Mr. Val Morris for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drayton, is to be sung and played by that clever pair at the Crystal Palace to-day: another reminder of the amount of disunited talent among our players and singers, which, if wisely combined, would amply furnish forth an opera company more complete than we have ever seen.—The bills of the Royalty Theatre bear mention of a new opera, produced there during the week, entitled 'Catching a Husband.' The music is by Signor Procida Bucalossi, who, some years ago, was thought to promise much as a composer.

We are glad to call attention to the re-appearance in London of those excellent young violinists, the Brothers Holmes, of whom we have lately heard far too little. They will play at the Musical Society's third concert. This, by the way, will be full of interest. We are there, besides the "Jupiter" Symphony, to hear M. Meyerbeer's 'Struensee' Overture, and that to Spontini's 'Nourmahal,' and scena from Hummel's 'Matilda von Guise,' given to Mr. Santley, and the fourth act of Mr. A. Sullivan's 'Tempest' music, including the Masque Overture, the duet of Juno and Ceres, and the Dance of Nymphs and Reapers. This is very much what a concert programme should be.

The meeting of the Three Choirs will this year take place at Gloucester, early in September. There will be four oratorio performances, in place of the customary three, preluded by a full service.

Signor Alessandro Bettini is said to be engaged at Her Majesty's Theatre,—which, be it recollected, opens this evening.

It will interest the admirers of Signor Rossini, now so vividly reminded of his greatness by every new performance of 'Guillaume Tell,' to learn that Matida's cadence in the song 'Selva opaca' is from the master's own hand; being the one devised by him for the original Matilda of the opera, Madame Cinti-Damoreau.

A new opera, by Herr Bott, 'Actea, the Young Girl of Corinth,' has been produced at the Royal Opera-House at Berlin. The Berlin Correspondent to the Gazette Musicale says, in a somewhat self-contradictory fashion, "This work displays real talent. The recitatives have much expression: in the phrases of melody more originality is to be wished for."—It is pleasant to think that the memory of Spohr is cherished in his own peculiar kingdom among the townsmen of Cassel; all the pleasanter when the churlish and inconsiderate constraint exercised over him by the Prince whose Court was illustrated by the residence there of so distinguished a musician is recollected. The Weidt Singing Society is about to give a concert performance of his 'Zemire und Azor,' with a compressed text to connect the music, by a lady of Cassel. — Schenk's 'Dorf-Barbier,' that well-worn, old, comic operetta, is about to be revived at Leipzig.—The taste for cantata-music, otherwise concert-works of some length and completeness, seems on the increase in Germany, as here.—We note, among other novelties, a hymn for alto and chorus, 'The Song of Eloisa,' by Herr Ferdinand Hiller, as just having been given at a concert in Berlin.

The comic opera by M. Berlioz—written by him for the inauguration of the theatre at Baden, rapidly approaching completion—is based on Shakspeare's 'All's Well that Ends Well'—a subject which we happen to know he has had in contemplation since the one season of M. Jullien's disastrous opera management.

Our friend at Leipzig writes in high praise of the remarkable pianoforte-playing of Mr. Dannreuther, a young American, pupil at the Conservatory there.

#### MISCELLANEA

Antiquarian Discovery. — During the restora-tions of Hartford Church, near Huntingdon, which have been in charge of Mr. Edis, a large number of stone coffins was discovered, upwards of twenty in all, of various dates, mostly broken into four pieces, and employed as quoins. The lids of eight or nine, some of which are of small size, as if for children, bear the Saxon symbol of the cross and anchor. There are several more, with richly floriated crosses of later date upon them; all were much mutilated, and none in their original position, owing probably to the church having been at various times within the last three centuries repaired and enlarged, its interior excavated for vaults, and other works carried on. The hands of a recumbent figure were found. Several portions were of Norman work, the chancel arch being of early date, with rude zigzag mouldings; some of the rood-loft steps remain in the wall. The walls of the body of the edifice bore traces of rude distemper paintings; amongst them full-length figures of a queen, St. George and the Dragon, and large Maltese crosses, &c., were upon the columns and walls. The ground-plan was oblong for the body, with chancel reduced of the same form at one end and the square tower at the other; a vestry in the south-east angle. It belonged to the Austin secular canons of the Priory of St. Mary, founded 973, removed to Huntingdon (circa 1180), and was probably the burial-place for that

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ent, or varied with the different ages from 35 to 89 per cent.
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